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NEWSLETTER



New website address and e-mail address

You may have noticed when searching for the Town of North Andover online that www.northandoverma.gov appears in your search results. www.townofnorthandover.com is becoming www.northandoverma.gov. Town email addresses ending in @townofnorthandover.com are also now @northandoverma.gov. Don't worry, though, all old links and email addresses will continue to work.

Town Hall Offices

Renovations to Town Hall have begun. All town offices, except the Assessor and Veterans Services are now located at 1600 Osgood Street, Suite 2043. If visiting the Assessor or Veterans Services, you must enter town hall through the rear entrance by the Senior Center. Once renovations are complete, all town offices, including Community and Economic Development, will move back to 120 Main Street. We anticipate a return to town hall in October 2016.



StevensEstate.com

THE STEVENS ESTATE

Special Event & Conference Center

Joanna L. Ouellette - Director
723 Osgood Street, North Andover MA 01845
Telephone: (978) 682-7072

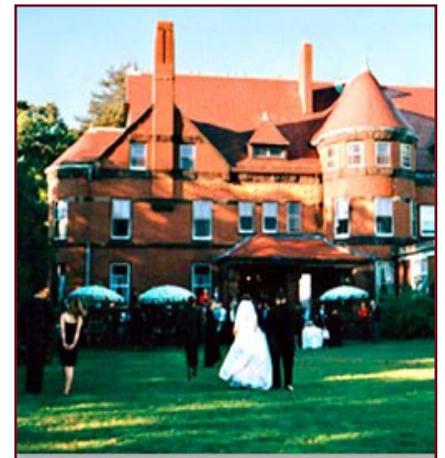
- Private 150 acre estate setting
- Corporate Meetings Weddings Social Events
- Historic mansion, formal gardens and wooded trails



The Historic Mansion and the stately grounds at the Stevens Estate are an ideal setting for a variety of special events, from formal parties to casual summer outings.

Conferences, Holiday Parties, and Summer Outings Businesses find the Stevens Estate to be the perfect location to host conferences and corporate retreats. The flexible layout, with large and small meeting rooms, overnight accommodations, wireless Internet and varied menus provide companies flexible choices and an excellent value. The Estate's elegantly appointed rooms and historic surroundings guarantee extraordinary parties. The extensive grounds with, bocce and volleyball court, horseshoes, and hiking trails create a setting for fun-filled outings.

Social Events - Showers and Ceremonies all find the Stevens Estate to be the perfect venue for their celebration. From Fundraisers, to Christenings, to Bat & Bar Mitzvah's, this timeless mansion welcomes all.



Reminders from the Town Clerk's office

Please return your 2016 Census. If you did not receive a census form in the mail, it is available on the Town website. It is important that we have your information on file for public safety, voting, and school registration. If you change your address, please let us know.



The last day to Register to vote for Town Meeting will be April 20th. The 2016 Annual Town Meeting will begin at 7:00PM on Tuesday May 10, 2016 at the North Andover High School Auditorium, 430 Osgood Street. The warrant for the meeting listing articles and the Finance Committee Report will be available on the website www.northandoverma.gov by the middle of April. If you wish to have a copy mailed to you please contact us at (978) 688-9501 or jbradshaw@northandoverma.gov. Happy Spring!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTEDENT JENNIFER PRICE

The School Committee approved a budget of \$45,226,141 for FY17. This 3.7% increase represents a fiscally responsible and sustainable budget that begins to address some of the district's greatest needs as identified by the North Andover community during my entry process. The budget was developed in close collaboration with the Town Manager and includes additional consolidation of services between the schools and the town. The detailed School Committee budget is available to the public on the district website. Please continue to follow the budget process as we move towards Town Meeting.



The North Andover Public Schools, in collaboration with the PTOs and the North Andover Education Foundation are excited to announce a joint effort to ensure that all classrooms are outfitted with the basic technology needed to support learning in the 21st century. Our joint Model Classroom Initiative is part of our district's overall vision to provide the tools, training, curriculum, personnel and infrastructure necessary to augment and enhance teaching and learning, and support student achievement. The Model Classroom Initiative will ensure that all of our core academic classrooms are outfitted with a mounted projector, a document camera, and wireless technology by September 2017. The cost to ensure that all classrooms are outfitted with the basic technology needed is \$250,000. The district has committed \$60,000 per year towards funding the Model Classroom Initiative. Our hope is that with additional PTO support we can realize this goal within a two-year time frame. The Model Classroom Initiative is just one piece of a much larger district plan, as outlined in the School Committee Approved FY17 Budget. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting initiative, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

The new Superintendent Snow Day Challenge has proven to be popular with students and parents. Each challenge consists of either an academic or service activity for students to participate in on a snow day. Students have designed a logo for the Snow Day Challenge and participated in the VFW Drive in support of the 912th Forward Surgical Team recently deployed to Afghanistan. If you have suggestions for future challenges you can submit via email to superintendent@northandoverpublicschools.com

For current happenings and highlights in the North Andover Public Schools follow me on twitter @NASupt.

REMINDER FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Every year countless lives are lost in the United States due to fires. Smoke detectors are your first line of defense should you have a fire in the home. Even though we are reminded each year to "**Change your clock, Change your battery**", we, as a society, sometimes fall short of that goal. Please test your alarms regularly to insure that you do indeed have working smoke alarms. If you do not have any in your home, please call the Fire Department at 978 688-9590 and we will gladly assist you in the installation.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

MAKE A NEW FRIEND

The Friendly Visitor Program is run by The North Andover Senior Center. Volunteers are matched up to visit with a lonely and/or home-bound senior living in North Andover, on a weekly basis. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or be matched up with a visitor, please contact: Joanne McCay, Friendly Visitor Program Coordinator at (978) 688-9560 or jmccay@northandoverma.gov. Make a new friend - someone to talk to, laugh with and share interests.

