



Celebration of New Reservation

AVIS (The Andover Village Improvement Society) and the Town of Andover Conservation Commission invite the public to a celebration for three recently acquired parcels of land off River Road in Andover along the Merrimack River. This Family Friendly afternoon will include a scavenger hunt and nature talk. Instruction for kids about soils and planting seeds will be provided by rootscompost.com (bring old egg cartons). One AVIS parcel (26.6 acres) was purchased from Melmark New England. The Town parcel (7 acres) was donated by Pulte Homes as required by a condition from the Town on their permit to build an over-55 housing complex on an adjacent site. Both these parcels were part of the former St. Francis Seminary which closed in 1977. These two parcels are being added to land donated by the Behrakis family in 2016 and an existing AVIS Reservation.



Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 11:00am to 3:00pm

All are invited for a fun day by the River. Meet at 461 River Road. The schedule for the day will be as shown below. For more information on this event contact John Hess, (978) 470-0806.

11:00 am Hike to the River; led by AVIS Land Manager David Dargie.

12:00 noon Bring your own picnic lunch and a lawn chair - desserts and drinks provided by AVIS, the Conservation Commission, and My Marketing Solutions. Activities for kids will be provided.

1:00 pm **Dedication Ceremony.**

Following the ceremony A second hike to the River; led by AVIS Land Manager David Dargie.

Conservationist John Muir wrote: "In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." We hope you will find time to seek nature within the AVIS properties. See more about the outdoors at www.avisandover.org or www.andovertrails.org or www.andoverma.gov/156/Conservation

