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NEW BUSINESSES IN THE VALE

Spinners Pizza and Sunday's General Store have new neighbors in BallardVale center. These family-owned and operated businesses are now joined by Little Lulu and Dot, the BallardVale Café and Best Value Laundromat, and Cabot J. Lewis, Esq.

Spinners Pizza, owned and run by Eric DiCesare and his mother Darlene, has been serving food including pizza, calzones, subs and salads to loyal customers for over 10 years at their 195 Andover Street location. "This has been a very good location for us", says Eric DiCesare.

Sunday's General Store owners Kil Chon and his wife Boo (some may know them by their American names Steve and Jackie) agree that BallardVale is a great neighborhood and location. Sunday's has been in business for nearly 4 years selling food, beer, wine, snacks, lottery tickets and commuter rail tickets, as well as coffee and morning muffins.

Sangita Patel, owner of BallardVale Café and Best Value Laundromat, moved one month ago into the 195 Andover Street building that she and husband Anil recently purchased. The café serves coffee, pastries, muffins and other breakfast treats, as well as ice cream. The laundromat provides drop-off laundry service.

Little Lulu and Dot, a dog boutique owned by Myrna Zetlan, opened in November of 2004 at 209 Andover Street. The store sells dog food and gourmet snacks, dog dishes, leashes, beds and more. "We have anything you can think of for your dog," says employee Lindsay Malenford.

Attorney Cabot J. Lewis is hanging his shingle at 189 Andover Street. Lewis' legal specialties include estate planning, wills and trusts, probate and guardianships and asset protection.

Business owners mentioned commuter traffic and good location as reasons to be drawn to BallardVale. But DiCesare echoed everyone's feelings saying, "BallardVale is a great neighborhood. We've been here for a while, and it's been really nice. We hope to stay for a long time."

Spinners is open M 10am-9pm; T-Sat 10am-10pm; and Sunday 12-8pm.

Sunday's General Store is open M-Sat 6am-7:30pm.

BallardVale Café is open every day 6am-10pm.

Best Value Laundromat is open 6am-8:30pm.

Little Lulu and Dot is open T-Sat 10am-4pm.

Cabot J. Lewis, Esq. is available at 978-474-5055.

FACES FROM THE PAST

Do you have a painting of an ancestor tucked away in the attic or hanging proudly over the mantelpiece? The Andover Historical Society is organizing "Faces from the Past", an exhibit of portraits of Andover residents. The exhibit will feature portraits of townspeople from all of Andover, and curators hope to include portraits of BallardVale's past residents. If you would like to loan a painting of a relative or of a person famous or little-known, please call the Andover Historical Society at 978-475-2236. The exhibit will be on view at AHS this fall.

WALKING TOUR HIGHLIGHTS BALLARDALE MILLS

Would you like to know more about the mills that made BallardVale's reputation as a manufacturing center in the 19th century, and that lend the Vale its special character today? The Andover Historical Society and the BallardVale Historic District Commission extend a special invitation to BallardVale residents and friends to participate in a guided walking tour of the BallardVale Mills on Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 pm. The tour will be led by local historian Gail Raulston and will make stops at several sites that played key roles in BallardVale's manufacturing past. Participants will learn about the products of the Vale mills and the entrepreneurial families behind the mill and factory operations.

The tour and refreshments are free, but space is limited. Please call the Andover Historical Society at 978-475-2236 to reserve your place.

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GOT TALENT?

The BallardVale Historic District Commission is looking for new members. You can get involved by calling one of the members listed above and by filling out the Talent Bank Form available at the Town Manager's Office, 36 Bartlet Street. The Andover Talent Bank is a means of identifying residents who are interested in serving the community on a town committee, board or commission. You can view and print the Talent Bank Form on Andover's official website <http://andoverma.gov/> in the Forms and Publications section.

BLOCK PARTY 2005

Mark your calendars for the best party in town --- BallardVale's Annual Block Party! This year's party will be held on Saturday, September 10, rain or shine, from noon until 4 pm at the BallardVale Playground. Come and enjoy food, friends, DJ Ted Teichert, the Moonwalk and much more. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and outdoor games. Bring a neighbor who has never been to the block party!

Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and snacks will be provided. Because of recent changes in Andover's Department of Health food guidelines for public gatherings, potluck food offerings are discouraged. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person (\$20.00 per family cap) is appreciated to defray the cost of food. Please make checks payable to "BallardVale Block Party" and send your check by September 1 to: Chris and Diane Huntress
17 Tewksbury Street
Andover, MA 01810

To contribute additional money or to be involved in the planning of this year's party, please contact Chris and Diane Huntress at 978-475-7738 or d.huntress@comcast.net. See you in September!

You're invited
to join historian ***Gail Raulston***
on a complimentary

Guided walking tour
of the

Ballardvale Mills

on
Sunday, September 25, 2005
2:00 p.m.

Rain or shine!
Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by
**The Andover Historical Society and
The Ballardvale Historic District Commission**

Space is limited.
Reservations are required.
Please call 978-475-2236
for more information and
to reserve your place.

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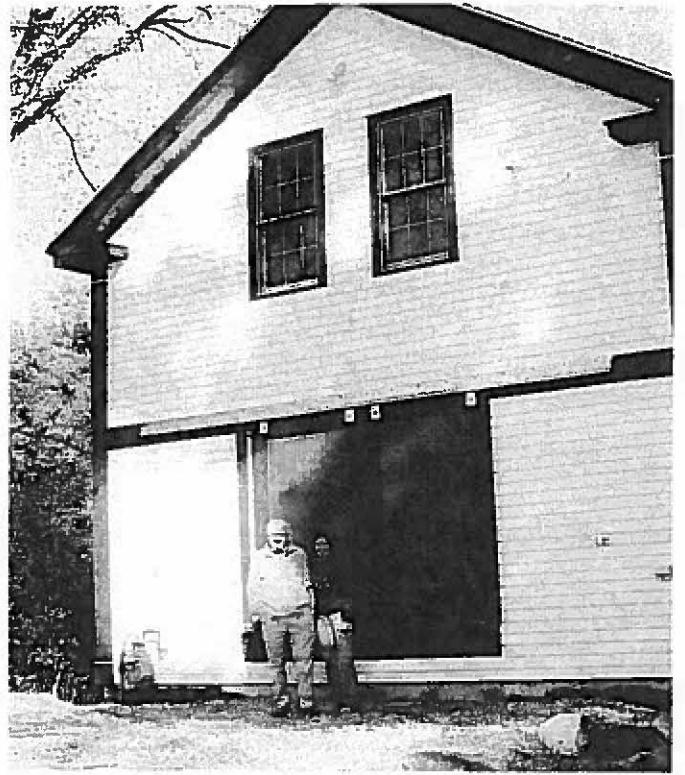
The second annual Spring Social was held on May 11 at Memorial Hall Library. Chris Huntress, presented Ruth Davis Sharpe Preservation Awards in recognition of those individuals who have contributed to the preservation of BallardVale's unique history.

This year's recipients were Richard Bowen, for his 41-year effort to preserve, enhance and beautify BallardVale, with recognition also to his wife Lucy, for her ongoing support and participation; to Michael P. Ristuccia and son, Michael J. Ristuccia, for their careful and loving restoration of 264 Andover Street, including replication of an original white picket fence (made possible through an old photograph shared by longtime former owner Bernice Haggerty); and to Jim and Bernadette Lyons of 12 High Vale Lane, for the replication of their original barn and the restoration of an ornate and beautiful, but deteriorated wooden fence.

The evening's events included a talk by Bowen, who led the audience on a nostalgic tour of BallardVale during the 41 years since he (with his family) arrived to become Andover's second town manager. John and Keith Norton delighted everyone with treasures they have unearthed in and around BallardVale using metal detectors. Dianne Delucia's photographs, including some from her "Doors of BallardVale" project were on hand for viewing. Refreshments were provided by Ron Abraham.

SENIOR CENTER

A special town meeting will be held in late September regarding Andover's proposed Senior Center. Check your local papers for date, time and location.



The Lyons in front of their award-winning barn



264 Andover Street

YOUR AD HERE!

The BallardVale Gazette, the newsletter of the BallardVale Historic District Commission, is issued three times a year. It reaches approximately 400 readers including residents of BallardVale's historic district, Andover town offices and officials, realtors and property owners, and others who wish to be on the mailing list. If you would like to sponsor an issue of the Gazette and place an ad for your business here, please contact Gazette editor Mary (M.P.) Bogan at mpbogan@comcast.net or 978-474-1910. The tax-deductible sponsorship fee of \$140 covers photocopying and postage costs.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 7 (Wednesday)** **BallardVale Historic District Commission** monthly meeting
Town Offices – 2nd Floor Conference Room – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 10 (Saturday)** **BallardVale Block Party** at the BallardVale Playground
12 noon – 4:00pm. Rain or shine!
- Sept. 25 (Sunday)** Andover Historical Society **walking tour** of BallardVale mills – 2:00pm
- Sept.** **Special Town Meeting** concerning the Senior Center
- Oct. 5 (Wednesday)** **BallardVale Historic District Commission** monthly meeting
Town Offices – 2nd Floor Conference Room – 7:00 pm
- Nov. 2 (Wednesday)** **BallardVale Historic District Commission** monthly meeting
Town Offices – 2nd Floor Conference Room – 7:00 pm

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See you at the Block Party on September 10!