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RSU 57 Planning Committee Update

THE MISSION OF RSU 57 IS TO CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT ALL LEARNERS TO ACQUIRE THE ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL SKILLS NEEDED TO BE RESPONSIBLE, CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

The intent of this article is to provide an overview on the Consolidation progress by the Regional Planning Committee for RSU 57 as of 8/27/08. Detailed information for the topics covered is available at the RSU 57 website which can be accessed from the all town websites as well as school websites.

For the past 14 months the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) has been working on a State of Maine mandated reorganization plan. The RPC is comprised of representatives from each community (Arundel/Kennebunk/Kennebunkport), with three representatives from each board of selectmen and three representatives from each school board (Arundel/SAD 71). The members of the RPC have been meeting regularly (1 –2 times per month). The first joint effort for the committee was to establish a set of principles or guidelines. These principles guide the committee in a collaborative and consensus decision-making approach and a respectful team approach to address critical decisions for our children and each of our communities.

The following principles were established:

- ◇ Student Focused All decisions would be based on what was best for the students and the educational opportunities within the RSU;
- ◇ Fairness Establish a plan that would be acceptable in all three communities;
- ◇ Equity A fair representation of all communities on the new RSU Board based on population as required by law;
- ◇ Responsible Approach to Cost Develop a cost sharing formula that was fair to all communities with the least amount of tax impact to the citizens--near neutral cost-shift; and
- ◇ Retain Sense of Community Maintain sensitivity to the two communities with only one elementary school present within their town.

As the planning committee moved forward to address the “13-point” template set by the State, we maintained these principles. On November 29, 2007, the RSU Planning Committee presented a skeleton outline of the plan to the RSU 57 community. At that time the plan highlighted:

- The RSU 57 will consist of the towns of Arundel, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport;
- The Board will consist of 3 Arundel members, 6 Kennebunk members, and 3 Kennebunkport members;
- Establish Accountability Committees from each school, with a direct line of communication to the RSU Board;
- Budgeting and cost sharing were still in their early stages;

and

- Identification of possible savings with respect to consolidating administration, transportation, building and maintenance, and special education.

The draft plan was submitted to the State Department of Education for preliminary approval for the work completed at that time. Since November 2007, the RSU Planning Committee has created subcommittees that have taken on the task to add more detail to the plan. The following subcommittees were established:

- Legal Committee to work on property transfer and titles;
- Opportunities of Consolidation to work on communicating the benefits of consolidation;
- Finances to work on a draft budget for 2009-10 and also look over all other financial issues; and
- Cost sharing to work on formulating a fair plan for sharing the portion of the budget that is over the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) allocation.

A reorganization plan, which is required by the State of Maine, will be submitted at the end of August 2008 to the Department of Education outlining a plan for the future Regional School Unit 57.

Throughout this process the primary driver for committee members has been, and will continue to be, identification of and focus on educational opportunities for the children and citizens of all three communities. Improved offerings in adult education, common staff development and curriculum planning for our teachers, promoting and pooling teacher assets and experience, and sharing resources and techniques to make all schools high performing are just a few opportunities identified. Greater programming opportunities including such programs as foreign language or gifted and talented become a possibility when more resources are available. The RPC will continuously focus on identifying educational opportunities throughout this process.

The next focus of the Planning Committee is to educate the communities about the plan and prepare for the November 4 referendum. With consolidation and change come many questions and concerns. Below are a few frequently asked questions to start to begin to understand the new RSU 57.

1. Is Consolidation required by law? Is there a chance for it to be repealed?

Yes, consolidation is required by the Reorganization Law (LD 499) that was passed in June 2007, and revised (LD 2323) in April 2008. There have been no motions made by the legislature to repeal this law, and it is expected to be carried out in its entirety effective July 1, 2009. Arundel does not meet the requirements for an exception from consolidation.

2. What happens if we vote it down, or just one town involved votes it down?

A reorganization plan must be approved by January 2009 to avoid penalties. There is no option to stand-alone without incurring penalties. Communities where voters do not approve a



reorganization plan at referendum will face financial penalties starting on July 1, 2009. The financial penalties are two-fold:

(A) For regular subsidy receivers that vote against reorganization:

- 50% reduction in system administration allocation. The EPS amount for system administration for 2009-10 is projected to be approximately \$210 per student. The penalties would begin that year and would be half that amount, or approximately \$105 per student; thus

The total estimated penalties for the first year are as follows:

Arundel	\$ 120,100		
SAD 71	\$ 637,350	(Kennebunk's share:	\$407,140)
		(Kennebunkport's share	\$230,210)

- The impact of these penalties will, in effect, reduce the state's contribution to funding public schools through a reduction in state aid. This will force an additional shift to the local taxpayer.
- Beginning in 2009-10, the local mill expectation is increased by 2%. This replaces the previous, more complicated formula sometimes referred to as the "53.86% penalty.

As an example, had the 2% provision been in effect for 2008-09, the local expectation for non-complying units would be 6.68 mills – 2% higher than the 6.55 mills for units that comply with the law. (Penalty revised per P.L. 2007, ch. 668)

(B) For minimum subsidy receivers that vote against reorganization:

- Receive 50 percent of what they would have "otherwise received" for FY10 and beyond. The Department is unable to calculate the exact amount until we prepare FY10 funding in early 2009.

All units that vote against reorganization (minimum and regular subsidy receivers):

- Receive less favorable consideration for approval and funding for school construction.
- Lose eligibility for "transition adjustments." (8/22/07)
- The penalties are not a threat; the State will simply not write a check to our school district and the money will be allocated to units that have consolidated.

A unit that votes against reorganization in one referendum can develop another reorganization plan and hold another referendum. The unit can avoid penalties if it approves reorganization by referendum no later than January 30, 2009 [Date amended by P.L. 2007, ch. 668] and is operational as a regional unit by July 1, 2009. [<http://www.state.me.us/education/reorg/lawssummary.html>]

3. I heard it will cost us less to be on our own, so why bother?

These are not one-time penalties; these are penalties that will compound annually, as noted in Question 2.

4. How long is the RSU commitment?

There is no provision in the law that specifies a time frame for dissolution. The RSUs, once formed, will be the functioning structure for Maine school systems.

5. What happens to High School Choice?

High School Choice will remain for Arundel. Only the citizens

of Arundel through a public vote can decide to ever remove choice.

6. What happens to existing contracts?

All existing contracts must be honored, including the Thornton Middle School Contract.

7. Can a school be closed?

The RSU board would need to have a 2/3 vote in favor to shut down a school, and the Town where the school is located would have to vote to shut down that facility. The voters of the school's community have the final say. If the Town votes to keep a school open, the Town will incur the incremental cost of keeping it open.

8. What happens to local school boards?

All local School Boards will cease to exist. The RSU Board will be the governing board for the new district. The RSU Planning Committee recommends the formation of School Accountability Committees for each school in the district and has written this committee into the plan.

The goal of the School Accountability Committee will be to maintain open lines of communication between the RSU Board and each school building in each of the three towns. The School Accountability Committee will include parents, teachers, support staff and will be chaired by the principal from the individual school, meeting monthly.

Consistent educational opportunities throughout the RSU and collaborative initiatives will be a primary focus for the committee.

Each School Accountability Committee will report to the District Accountability Committee. It is the recommendation of this planning committee that two representatives from each committee report to the District Accountability Committee. The District Accountability Committee will be chaired by the Superintendent. The District Accountability Committee will meet monthly. The Superintendent, chair of the District Accountability Committee, will provide a monthly report to the RSU Board.

It is the expectation that each Accountability Committee will share concerns, activities, and recommendations to improving educational outcomes at the District level, with the Superintendent reporting these to the RSU Board. These recommendations may include (but are not limited to) input in the budgetary process, policy and procedure, and professional development. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to report back to the District Accountability Committee on decisions and recommendations that derive from the RSU Board.

9. How is the cost of the RSU shared?

The State of Maine mandates a minimum amount each town must raise for K-12 education. This formula, called Essential Programs and Services (EPS), uses both the number of students and the town's valuation in determining not only what the State will provide in the way of State-level taxpayer reimbursement funds, but what minimum amounts must also be raised from the local taxpayer via property taxes. This is a fixed formula that all school districts must adhere to.

Historically, each town (e.g. Arundel) or School Administrative District (e.g. SAD71) has developed an EPS-based budget,



usually with 'over EPS' funds included, to meet local educational needs. The budget is then presented to the town's voters for approval.

In order to conform to the new State school consolidation law, Arundel and SAD 71 are working on how the communities will share 'over EPS' costs which is the extra funding required by communities to include such things as music or art programs which are not covered in the State's EPS funding. The goal is to arrive at a formula, which is as equitable as possible - given a future with uncertain costs. The Finance Subcommittee recommended to the RSU Planning Committee (RPC) a 40% Student - 60% Town Valuation ratio for each community for over EPS costs. On 8/27/08 the RPC voted to accept the 40% Student Population - 60% Town Valuation ratio for over EPS costs. The vote was 12 in favor: Barwise, Wuerthner, King, Peck, Reetz, Richard, Martin, Renell, Mead (alternate for Kingston), Sharood, Spofford, Tibbetts (alternate for Downs); 1 Opposed: Boothby; and 2 Absent: Cote, Whitney.

A founding principle of the Regional School Unit is the retention of at least one elementary school in each community because of the vital role that the school plays in the culture and sustainability of the town. For this reason, the plan for local cost sharing includes a provision that provides for the reduction of a community's local cost assessment if the RSU board votes to close any/all of the elementary schools in that town and voters of that community opt to keep the elementary school(s) open. As dictated by state law, that town would take on all of the additional costs to the RSU associated with keeping the elementary school open.

communities about the plan; and prepare for the November 4 referendum. The RSU Planning Committee is planning open forum meetings with the communities. Please mark your calendars and make every attempt to attend one of the following meetings. This is one of many opportunities that you have to ask questions and become informed.

Public Forums will be held during September at locations in all three towns.

The legally required Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 for all voters of Arundel, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport. The Planning Committee will meet October 21 at 7 PM at the Kennebunk Elementary School.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact any of the Planning Committee members. We have conveniently listed their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

RPC Meetings are also televised and meetings are re-broadcast on Time Warner channel 5 at 8 PM on Wednesday and Thursday.

You may also visit the RSU 57 web page for detailed information regarding any of the topics highlighted in this article or future meeting dates. You can find a link to the web page on the MLD School website at www.arundelschool.net. Addition information on the Reorganization Law is also available at the following Department of Education's link: www.maine.gov/education/reorg

10. How do you learn more about Consolidation and RSU 57?

The next focus of the Planning Committee is to educate the

Respectfully submitted,
Regional Planning Committee RSU 57

Below: RSU 57 Organizing Committee Contact List

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Arundel	Jon Renell	Selectmen's Rep	229-3013	tjrenell@ghi.net
Arundel	Lynn Cote	School Board	985-8679	lcote@arundelschool.net
Arundel	Pamela Wuerthner	School Board	985-8689	pwuerthner@arundelcchool.net
Arundel	Alan Richards	School Board	967-9845	arichards@arundel school.net
Kennebunk	Joel Downs	Selectmen's Rep	985-2101 x 1327	jdowns@kennebunk.maine.org
Kennebunk	John Sharood	SAD 71 Rep	978-257-1508	jsharood@gmail.com
Kennebunk	Gayle Spofford	SAD 71 Rep	324-8773	GSpofford@bakerco.com
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WINTER HEATING TIPS

PREPARE EARLY

With the high cost of heating oil, many are wondering how they'll keep warm this winter. A few simple steps can go a long way in keeping the temperature up and the bills down.

One of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to save on your heating bill this winter is to block out drafts! Take a trip to a home improvement store or any discount store and buy some of these inexpensive items:

Clear Tape: Have any doors you're not going to be using this winter? Seal around the edges of them. It stops drafts and, since the tape is clear, it's hardly even noticeable.

Foam Insulation (Great Stuff): In the basement, go around the outside walls and inspect where the house sits on the foundation. Often times there will be spaces where drafts can enter. Squirt in some insulation to make an air-tight seal.

Window Covering Kits: These are great for old leaky windows. It covers the entire window in plastic. Shrink to fit with a hair dryer.

Outlet insulation kits: Electric outlets and switches located on the outside wall of a building will frequently leak cold air. These pre-formed insulation kits go behind the faceplate and keep out cold drafts. They're cheap and easy to install!

Close off unused rooms. This works especially well on the upper floors of buildings. If there's a room you infrequently use, just close the door and you've greatly decreased the amount of space you have to heat!

Close blinds and curtains during the night to prevent heat loss. Be sure and open them up during the day to get the benefit of solar heating.



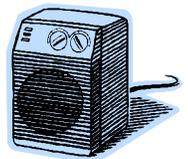
Make sure your heat outlets (registers) are working at top efficiency. This usually involves two things. First, make sure they are clean. In the course of a year dust and dirt can accumulate on the exchanger fins reducing the amount of heat that gets put into the room. Simply take off the housings and go over them with a vacuum. Likewise, make sure there is nothing in front of them like furniture, etc.

Give your furnace a tune up. Have a licensed tech give your heating system a once over, changing filters, nozzles, etc. A little service fee up front can save many gallons of pricey fuel over the winter.

Buy a programmable thermostat. The importance of turning the temperature down even a few degrees cannot be overstated when it comes to saving money. We're all human and often don't remember to do it. With a programmable thermostat you won't have to.

Climb into a Toasty-Warm bed: Why heat up the entire room to take the chill off your bed? Invest in an electric blanket. It will heat the bed up much faster than turning up the heat and save you money at the same time.

Invest in a space heater. If you spend a majority of your time in one room of the house, a space heater may be for you. With a central heating system you will usually need to heat several rooms (or the whole house) just to warm up the one room you're in. A space heater will keep one room toasty warm, allowing you to turn down your furnace. One increasingly popular choice is a pellet stove, a special type of wood stove the burns pelletized fuel (wood, corn, etc). Whichever space heater you choose, make sure it is safely installed to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.



Reduce Expenses in other areas. If you've gotten every last drop of efficiency out of your heating system you can start working on other areas of your home to save money and put the extra dollars toward your heating bill.

Lighting: Perhaps one of the quickest and easiest ways is to replace frequently used incandescent lights with highly-efficient Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFLs). The bulbs use a fraction of the electricity and last many times longer than regular light bulbs. They are a bit pricey up front, but more than pay for themselves over their life.

Always be careful of potential fire hazards. Check to be sure cords are not frayed or running under a carpet. Keep space heater and wood stove areas clear of newspapers, fabric such as curtains, or any other flammable materials. Always keep matches and lighters put safely away from children's reach. Keep warm, but safe!





Holiday Programs Offered for Arundel Residents

By Wendy Lank, GA & Social Services Director

Arundel offers four programs to its residents each year during the holiday season. If you or someone you know may benefit from one or more of these please do not hesitate to give me a call at 985-4201 or stop by the Town Office to see me.

Project Pilgrim – This annual Thanksgiving Dinner ensures that all members of our community can enjoy a holiday dinner in the company of others. The volunteer staff prepares, serves and also transports guests to the dinner held at St. Martha’s Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day, as well as delivers the festive dinners to the homes of community members and recipients of Meals on Wheels. If you are interested in this program please give me a call in November and I can give you the time of the event.



Thanksgiving Baskets – If you are financially strapped, it’s hard to prepare for something as special as Thanksgiving. We are here to help the families of Arundel who would otherwise not be able to afford to have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. If you are in need and would like to receive a Thanksgiving Basket please give me a call between **October 1st and November 12th** to be placed on my list.

Secret Santa – Secret Santa is entering its 21st year of providing gifts to children of families in need. Applications should be available sometime at the **beginning of October**. If you would like an application, please call or stop by my office to request one. All applications will need to be returned to me by the deadline date or the application cannot be processed. The week of Thanksgiving the Town will put up our annual Christmas tree with tags of a “most wanted” or “needed” gift that the families have asked for. Anyone wishing to take a tag from the tree would need to purchase that item and return it back to the Town Hall no later than the date specified on the tag. After this date Secret Santa volunteers will go out and purchase the items that have not been received so they can be boxed and distributed to the families the week before Christmas.



Elder Elves – This wonderful program provides gifts to elderly residents who live alone and do not have family around to provide them with Christmas Gifts. If you know of someone that falls into this category, please give me a call with the name and address of that resident and we will be sure to make their Christmas as special as we can.

A Reminder to All Residents

There are many people in our little town that are too proud to ever ask for help. These people seem to think that there are always others more in need than they are. We offer these programs to help all individuals and if there wasn’t a need we would not exist. Please look after your neighbor especially the elderly and disabled. If you feel there is someone in town that could use help, please call me as soon as possible. We do not want anyone to be cold this winter.

Did you Know Rural Development May be Able to Help Keep You Warm? Rural Development’s unique Section Repair & Rehabilitation Program can be used for many things for those who qualify, including:

-] Updating an inefficient heating system
-] Purchasing a new heating system
-] Replacing or adding insulation
-] Replacing broken or drafty windows & doors



**Don’t be left in the COLD-
Call and see if you qualify TODAY!
1-800-352-8963 Ext. 161**

or email rdhelps@me.usda.gov and give your name, telephone number, and the County in which you live.

Programs Offered through Arundel’s General Assistance Office

General Assistance

In order for you to qualify for General Assistance you have to show that you fall under the State of Maine’s Income Guidelines or that an emergency exists. You must call and set up an appointment so that we can look at all the documentation and file an application.

Church Fuel Outreach Program

This program is administered through the General Assistance office and funded by local church groups throughout our community. If you do not qualify for General Assistance you may be able to receive 100 gallons of #2 heating oil or K-1 once during any twelve month period.

Keeping Neighbors Warm

This is a coalition of local people and area businesses working together to address the heating fuel crisis facing neighbors in 9 Northern York County Communities: Arundel, Biddeford, Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, OOB and Saco. Again, this program is administered through the General Assistance office and is offered to the individuals and families that do not fall under the states income guidelines for General Assistance. For more information on this program log on to: www.keepingneighborswarm.org

**Send your tax deductible donation to:
The Maine Way / Keeping Neighbors Warm
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Biddeford, ME 04005
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ARUNDEL... ANNALS, TALES, AND WAYS

From our Town Reports...

In 1928 the Superintendent of Schools reported: "The State Department of Education in the Bulletin of Information for the current year reports that the average school rate in Maine is .0117. That of North Kennebunkport is .0091. North Kennebunkport is therefore below the average rate .0026. If the valuation of North Kennebunkport is \$348,230 as reported by the assessors in the Town Report of 1927, this would yield a return of \$905.39. If you were to expend \$905.00 more this year than in the past, you would only be doing what the average town in Maine is already doing. Let me point out that the present method of running your schools, according to the policy now operative, is saving you that \$905.00 dollars every year. Your teachers are capable and well trained, yet are paid less than many who are less capable. If an advance should be necessary when teachers are reengaged there is considerable leeway before we have approached anywhere near the average for the State."



1948 Warrant Article #18: "To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to enlarge the present office downstairs in Town Hall." Budget Committee recommends \$300.00 provided 1948 selectmen will use the office.

1958 Report of Town Clerk...Collection of Dog Taxes: "For the year 1958, taxes were received for 76 males, 10 females, 35 spayed females, and four kennel licenses covering 14 dogs, making a total of 135 in all. The number seems small for this town as I know there must be many more dogs to be licensed."



Recollections...another excerpt from Kenneth H. Taylor's autobiography:

"Just a brief description on the TAYLOR FARM on the Curtis Road.

The house was large with an ell, the barn was 100 feet long and the stable 40' x 40' built in 1880 with lumber off one of the farm wood lots. It was quite an elaborate building. The granite foundation was probably hauled from "Day's Quarry" on the Mountain Road. The barn stood for 79 years until it blew down in 1959. The basement had 7 pens for hogs and also a large oven with 2 cauldrons for heating water for butchering. The main floor had 6 horse stalls and a box stall, also room for carriages, sleighs, harness and a heated room for harness repair in the winter. Above this floor was an immense space for hay."

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The Arundel Historical Society continues to request information you may have on the history of Arundel's old homes. In addition, we would welcome any historical anecdotes that could be incorporated into the future editions of Annals, Tales, and Ways. Information can be dropped off at Town Hall or e-mailed to: derkinderen.donna@gmail.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Motor Vehicle Fee Changes

Effective September 1st, the registration fee for passenger cars, pick-up trucks, sport utility vehicles, and commercial vehicles under 6,000 lbs. will increase from \$25 to \$35; the vanity plate fee will also increase from \$15 to \$25; and the fee for filing a application for certificate of motor vehicle title will increase from \$23 to \$33. These additional funds will be used for the improvement of bridges and minor spans.



Economic Stimulus Checks

There are still over 30,000 people in Maine who have not filed for their checks. This means about \$9 million dollars will be lost to Maine citizens. According to the Maine Office of Elder Services, 82% of these individuals are over age 50 and almost two-thirds are over the age of 65. If you know of anyone who needs help with this, they can call me at 985-4201 or the IRS directly at 1-800-829-0582, ext 377.



Filings must be done by October 15, 2008.



Election Preparations



If you have been away from Arundel or moved into town since the last time you voted in a state or federal election, please check to see if you are a registered voter here in Arundel. This will take just a moment, but will help to make everything work more smoothly on election day.

1. Am I registered to vote?

If you registered in another town and moved to Arundel, your voter registration is not automatically transferred. You need to register in Arundel. Also, if you moved and filed a change of address form at a Motor Vehicle Branch and then later returned to Arundel, your registration may have been cancelled here in Arundel. If you are unsure of your status, you can call the town office at 985-4201 or stop by and we can check for you prior to election day.

2. What do I need to register to vote?

- You must bring in an **ID** such as a Maine Driver's license or State ID or a signed Social Security Card.
- You also need **proof of residency** if your mailing address is different than that on your Driver's License. (A utility bill, rent receipt or a government document that shows your name and physical address.)

3. Where do I register to vote?

- You can register anytime at the Town Office.
- You may also download an on-line registration form from some party web sites and mail it in to us. **However, if you mail in your registration you MUST include PHOTO-COPIES of your Maine Driver's License and proof of residency along with the application in order for it to be valid and complete.**

Absentee ballots are available 30 days prior to any election. You may cast an absentee ballot in person at the town hall during that 30 day period. If you are unable to come in, you may

Cub Scout Pack 330

By Jay Ferrill, Cub Master



Our Cub Scouts are looking forward to a fun packed year. Recently the members of the committee met and we filled the calendar with a lot of fun exciting activities. Our agenda is going to start with our **annual Popcorn sales**. This will be our major fundraiser for the year, and hopefully it will be a success. One way we sell popcorn is door to door, and this year we are going to sell popcorn in front of Stop & Shop. We will also be selling **baked goods at the Arundel Fire House on Election Day**, and selling **holiday wreaths** during the Holiday Season. We have a lot of activities planned out for the year, and our goal is to have the Pack pay the boys' way to participate in these activities. If you happen to see our boys out raising funds, we would really appreciate your continued support.

Some of the activities we have planned this is year are to go on an overnight at the Boston Museum of Science. If we are unable to go there we will schedule an overnight trip on a Battleship. This was an activity we did last year, and both the boys and their parents had a great time. What an opportunity that was for the boys! We are also planning to go hiking, camping, snow tubing, snow shoeing, Raingutter Regatta, Airplane Derby, and of course our annual Pinewood Derby, and Blue and Gold Ceremony.

Our Pack has a wonderful relation with the Boy Scout Troop in Arundel, and would like to thank the Scoutmaster and the Boys Scouts of Troop 330 for all their support.

Scouting offers great opportunities for the boys to grow by developing character, sportsmanship and family relationships through fun and adventure. If you know a boy, in first through fifth grade, who is interested in joining Cub Scouts, you can contact me at 283-9226. Thank you!!!

Arundel Bike Safety Day by Sandy Bergeron Emt-B Arundel Fire Rescue

On Friday, June 27, 2008 the Arundel Fire Rescue and Arundel Recreation combined talents for their annual Bike Safety Day held at Mildred L. Day School. The program included a very informative presentation given by Mia Richerson from the Brain Injury Foundation, helmet fitting and education sponsored by the Maine Bicycle coalition by Kristie Leblanc. The bike coalition donated the bike helmets the children received, then on to a driving course with our own Deputy Sheriff, Matt Nadeau and assisted by the members of the Arundel Fire Department. A raffle was held at the end of the day and the winners were: Kimberly Grant - bike light, Sydney Madison Desmond - gift cert from Toys R Us, Katie Hite - Wal Mart gift cert, Colby Hanscom - Wal Mart gift cert, Travis Gosselin - Target gift cert, and Chantel Smith - Knee pads. A warm, sunny day, the event was enjoyed by all and attended by 82 children of all ages. Thank you to all who helped make our Bike Safety day a big success. Looking forward to next year.





ARUNDEL PARK & REC SURVEY



Please take a moment of your time to fill out the enclosed survey (**blue sheet**) and return it either by mail or at drop off boxes at the Town Office or MLD School Office. Thank you for participating!

ATTENTION ARUNDEL RESIDENTS

You are invited to an Energy Forum



Wednesday, September 17, 2008
from 5 – 7 P.M. located at The Dorothy Stevens Center on the Thompson Rd in West Kennebunk
Contact Wendy Lank at the Arundel Town Hall for more info.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2008

8 am to 11 am

Kennebunk Public Works Department

36 Sea Road, Kennebunk

Visit www.arundelmaine.org FMI or pick up flyer at town office.



The Town of Arundel Food Drive



All donations of nonperishable items can be dropped off at the Town Hall or Fire Station. All Donations will be taken to our area Food Pantry in anticipation of a very busy

Heating Fuel Fund

The Town of Arundel is accepting donations to help the many residents who do not qualify for General Assistance but may find themselves in need this coming winter



All funding will be dispensed through the General

Town of Arundel

468 Limerick Rd

Arundel, ME 04046



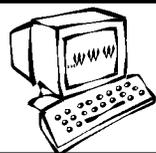
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Visit the Town's WEBSITE at www.arundelmaine.org

to keep posted on meetings and events!

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