



# The Arrow

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**7:00 pm at MLD School Library**



## **Petition for Dog Day Cares Amendments & Planning Board Land Use Ordinance Amendments**

*by: Tad Redway, Arundel Town Planner*

At the January 8, 2018 Special Town Meeting Arundel citizens will consider a citizen petition to make changes to section 9.3.33 of the Land Use Ordinance governing Pet Day Care Facilities. Not to let a special town meeting go to waste, the Planning Board has proposed consideration of three additional articles :

**Article 3 section 9.3.33 Pet Day Care Centers:** The changes proposed by petition include 1) reducing training requirements for dog day care operators, 2) eliminating setbacks between outdoor dog pens and adjoining business properties, 3) reducing outdoor pen heights, 4) replacing opaque fences adjacent to residences with semi-transparent screens; 5) permitting on site composting of animal waste; and 6) requiring all local day care regulations to defer to State standards. After a public hearing, the Planning Board determined that the changes will increase nuisances to adjacent residential and business properties, will increase risks to client dogs, and will needlessly surrender all local control to the State of Maine. As such, the Planning Board recommends NOT TO ADOPT.

**Article 4 – Section 1.9: Omitted Uses:** Buried in the definitions of the Land Use Ordinance is the requirement that land uses not specifically permitted in a zoning district are prohibited. The intent of the

proposed Section 1.9 is to clearly alert the public about the principal of *Omitted Uses* in the LUO. The second part of the section 1.9 clarifies that any of the *retail marijuana uses* permitted under the Marijuana Legalization Act can only occur in those zoning districts specifically approved by the townspeople. This prevents marijuana activities from slipping in under the broad terms such as “agriculture”, “retail”, or “manufacturing”.

**Article 5- Fee Amendments:** Since permit fee amounts are specified in the text of the Subdivision Regulations and Land Use Ordinance, the Selectmen have to change the Ordinances every time they need to adjust these fee amounts to cover costs. The proposed Article 5 changes reference to a generic Schedule of Fees annually reviewed and set by the Selectmen, thereby saving the taxpayers a lot of repetitive effort and costs.

**Article 6- Section 5.9 Landscaping and Buffering:** Landscaping and buffering requirements are scattered throughout the Land Use Ordinance, frustrating both applicants and property owners. The new Section 5.9 consolidates these scattered standards into one location, plus provides objective standards for buffering, standardizes horticultural stock and practices, and even provides a recommended plant and tree list to assist applicants in selecting the right specie for the right location.

**The Planning Board recommends adoption of Articles 4, 5 and 6.**

## **Manager's Update**

*by Keith Trefethen, Town Manager*



### **NEW TOWN HALL**

The Limerick Road property has been purchased for the new Town Hall. The Selectmen are seeking folks to assist them in the development of a proper Town Hall for years to come. If interested in serving, e-mail me your interest at [townmanager@arundelmaine.org](mailto:townmanager@arundelmaine.org), the Board will be reviewing interest and selecting a group of citizens to help them sometime in a February/March timeline.

### **PROPERTY CARDS ON LINE**

Folks interested in viewing **Property Record Cards** can now access them on line through [Vision Government Solutions website](http://Vision Government Solutions website). Simply click on **Maine** and then **Arundel** and they can be viewed via Address, owners Name or Map & Lot. This **Tax Assessment Database** can also be viewed on the Town's website [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org) Click on the right hand sidebar which is linked to the Vision site.

## **HOLIDAY THANKS**

From the GA & Social Services Office



I would like to thank everyone who made donations to our Social Services Programs this year. Our community is blessed with many caring individuals, businesses and organizations that are looking out for others. We had a busy holiday season. Thanksgiving Food Boxes were provided to 43 families with the help of Community Outreach Services, MLD Staff, businesses and individuals. The Secret Santa Program will benefit 25 families this year. Each and every child in those families will wake up to the magic of Christmas morning with gifts under their trees. Thank you to all that took a tag from our Giving Tree as well as those that left monetary donations for the Secret Santa Fund. Other donations will be used to assist residents in need with heating fuel, food and medicine.

Wendy Lank, GA



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!**

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**Arundel Public Works Notices**

**Brush Cutting:** This is to inform you that throughout this winter season the Town's Public Works Department will be cutting brush along sections of the Old Post Road and the Mountain Road.

**Depositing Snow & Slush in the Roadway:** Snow and slush from driveways cannot be pushed onto the road/street. These deposits cause not only a hazard to motorists, but also damage the snow plows as this build up is compacted snow. It is also against the law (29-A MRSA §2396)



If you are found depositing snow in the roadways, a warning will be issued. If you continue to violate the law, the Town will have no choice but to contact the York County Sheriff's Department for enforcement.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**New 'Snow Angel' Program**

By Wendy Lank, Arundel Social Services

Every winter I receive a phone call from an elderly or disabled resident that is living on a limited income looking for help to clean their driveway or steps of snow. This year, I am looking for volunteers that may have a snowplow, snow blower or even just a shovel and strong back that would like to help out one of these residents after every snowstorm. I am also taking names and phone numbers of any elderly or disabled resident in town that would benefit from this program. They would need to be living on a fixed income and cannot afford to hire someone on their own. Please call 985-4201 and ask for Wendy if you would like to be added to either the recipient or volunteer list.



**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas  
and the happiest of New Years!**

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