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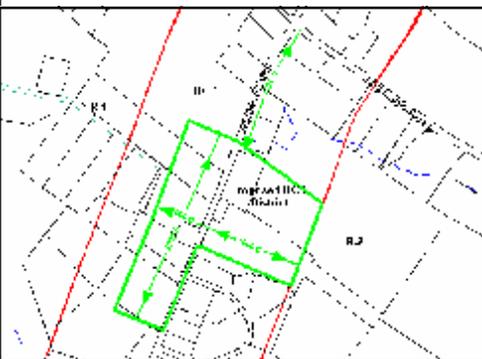
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Town Meeting Includes Land Use Ordinance Amendments

The warrant for the June 15th annual town meeting includes three proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and an amendment to the Residential Growth Ordinance. Passage of all of these amendments has been recommended by both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Copies of the amendments are available at the town office and can be downloaded from the town's website at www.arundelmaine.org

The amendments to the Arundel Residential Growth Ordinance would restructure the permit selection system in the ordinance. The amendment would repeal the special exception provision that currently allows an unlimited number of Arundel residents to build new homes. In its place, Arundel residents are given priority for permits. The distinction between speculatively built homes and custom-built homes is also removed. Instead, the amendment would allow up to 4 permits per month, to be granted based on a point system that awards points based on how long the applicant has lived in Arundel, how long the applicant has owned the property, how long the property has been in a subdivision, and how many months the application has been waiting.



The first amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance would create a new zoning district on Route One, south of the Log Cabin Road intersection. This amendment

was proposed in order to allow a new business (automobile

dealer) that would not be permitted under the current ordinance. The new district (called HC-3, Highway Commercial) would make several existing non-conforming businesses conforming.

The second amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would extend the boundary of the Route 111 Residential Transition zone to the west by 1,000 feet. Similarly, this amendment has been proposed by the Planning Board in order to allow a business development (doctor's office) that would not otherwise be permitted under today's ordinance. A copy of the proposed amendment, with a map, can be downloaded.

The third amendment to the Land Use Ordinance will be voted on only if the town meeting does not adopt the 2005 update to the Comprehensive Plan. This



amendment would bring the Ordinance into conformance with the 1992 Comprehensive Plan. The amendment will change the minimum lot sizes and the permitted uses in the residential districts, amend the Official Land Use Map, and require all subdivisions to be designed according to the cluster standards.

Copies of all these amendments are available at front desk of the town office and at www.arundelmaine.org. Any questions may be directed to planning board members or to Dan Fleishman, Town Planner at 985-4201 or at dfleishman1@adelphia.net.

Dates to Remember

- Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing - Tuesday, May 31st at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station
- Municipal Election - Tuesday, June 14th - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fire Station
- Annual Town Meeting - Wednesday, June 15th at 7 p.m. at the M.L. Day Gym



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The 2004-2005 school year opened with 427 elementary students and 243 secondary students. New teaching personnel included Melissa Ouellette – Title One, Richard Sossel – Middle School English, Adrianna Pizzo – Elementary Special Education and Andrea Wollstadt – two-fifths Music Teacher. These people bring a sincere dedication to the field of teaching and we are fortunate that they have chosen to join the staff at our school.



I am pleased to tell you that the budget this year has been held to a 2.54% increase and the local appropriation is less than last year. On the income section we find a \$200,000.00 increase in state aide and a drop of \$70,884.00 in other income for a net gain of \$129,116.00, which was enough to allow us to hold the line at the local level.

Over the past five years there have been curriculum adoptions in each of the major subject areas within the Mildred L. Day School. Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Reading have all witnessed significant changes in what is taught and how it is taught. Some of these changes were the result of an assessment of student performance on state testing and some changes were based on updated information about how students learn. These new materials and methods have proven successful - - for the third year in a row our students have met the standard of "adequate yearly progress"; the standard that the state has set that measures improved student academic performance.

State and federal educational regulations have brought increased pressure to all schools and ours is no different. Current law requires a written curriculum that is aligned with Maine's Learning Results, the development of a comprehensive local assessment system and a plan to use the results of student assessment data to evaluate and improve instructional programs. Teachers and administration have spent innumerable hours work-

ing on these mandates to insure compliance. The citizens of the community should realize and recognize the significant effort that the staff has made as well as the increased level of stress that these mandates impose upon them. With all of these added pressures, your school staff has stepped up to the challenge and provided positive learning experiences for your students. For those efforts, the staff is to be commended.

Plans are finalized for our students in grades 6 – 8 to be educated at Thornton Academy starting in September 2006. This transition will provide expanded opportunities for those students and at the same time allow us to move students out of portable classrooms and into the main building here in Arundel.

UPDATE ON THORNTON ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thornton Academy after considerable review and planning for its Middle School, has hired Trade Center, a Biddeford Firm, to renovate 13,000 square feet of space.

Trade Center's partners in this endeavor will be Haley's Metal and Harriman Associates, an architectural firm with extensive experience in designing schools in Maine.

The Thornton Academy Middle School will include regular classrooms, specialized classrooms, multi-purpose space and a dining commons. The school is being designed to house approximately 150 students.

It is our plan as we move ahead to maintain communication with the Arundel School Department to inform them of the progress being made.

We look forward to this endeavor with enthusiasm. The school is scheduled to open in 2006.

Carl Stasio, Headmaster

Finally, as I complete my fifth and final year as Superintendent of Schools of Arundel I wish to commend the School Board for their dedication and hard work for without their participation our accomplishments would not have been achieved.



Arundel Pack 330 News *Ed Leskowsky, Cub master*

The Cub Scouts are gearing up for summer so we can earn the Summertime Pack Award. We have 3 events planned for the next 3 months starting with a fishing derby in June and ending with a pool party/BBQ in August. The Pack would like to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to the Williams Family, and the Boy Scouts for their most generous gift to the pack. Thanks to them, we have been able to purchase a state of the art Pinewood Derby Track. This will replace our tired old wooden track that has been around for years. We held our derby in January, with the top 3 finishers going to the York District finals in April. They were 1st place Curtis Huard 2nd, Place Dylan Court, 3rd Place Zach Jewett. When the dust settled, Curtis Huard was crowned York District champ as he placed first out of 87 racers. Congratulations to all 3! If you want more info on joining our pack, please contact Ed at 282-6488.



Golden Girls - The Golden Girls meet at

the Arundel Firehouse at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays. We are an over 50 Senior group and all are welcome to join us in fun and games, picnics, etc., all summer and fall. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

FMI - Please call: Elizabeth O'Brien at 967-5146.



The Alewife Homemakers Extension

meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Arundel Firehouse at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome FMI—Call Elizabeth at 967-5146.





Property Taxes to decrease? By John Fraser, Town Manager

“An Act To Increase the State Share of Education Costs, Reduce Property Taxes and Reduce Government Spending at All Levels”, more popularly known as L.D.1, impacted municipalities in two ways: one is that it placed a spending limit on the town (both the town and school have stayed well below the maximum spending limit set by LD1 this year); and two, it increased the Homestead Exemption for a permanent resident of this state to \$13,000 (*while only reimbursing us for one-half of the taxes lost*). As a result of this increased exemption, the average homeowner will realize a saving on their property taxes of about \$142 this year versus the \$55 dollars last year. A fair number of towns throughout Maine have found it necessary to increase their mil rate in order to raise the money for the town's half of the exemption. Fortunately, Arundel will not have to do so, in fact, there is a good chance we will be able to lower the mil rate in addition to providing one half of the Homestead Exemption this year!

The severe winter, which totally depleted our winter supplies inventory, along with the sharp increase in the price of steel and a 50% increase in the price of salt, are primarily responsible for the \$30,000 increase in this years snow account. Without the increases in this account the net town budget would actually have shown a decrease this year, as did the net School Budget. Once again, the Annual Town Report, which will be available within the next week or so, includes budget details along with the usual explanatory notes. In the mean time, the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting along with the above referenced budget details may be found on the Town's web site, www.arundelmaine.org.



Officer's Notes:

Well another winter is behind us and we can all look forward to a summer of sun, warm weather, and vacations! I would just like to take a moment to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. With the nice weather comes summer recreations like ATV's, boating, hiking, etc. If you enjoy these activities please be courteous to your neighbors, and ask permission to use property that does not belong to you.

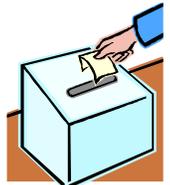
Also I have noticed an increase of home and business alarm activations in our town. These activations are relayed to us through companies you subscribe to. A majority of the alarms are set off accidentally. Please review your key holder notification and update that with the Alarm Company and the Sheriff's Office. This will help expedite the notification process to the home or business owner.

Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns that may arise at 985-8008, 459-2261, 324-1111, or EMERGENCIES at 911.



Thank You
Deputy Matt Nadeau
York County Sheriff's Office
Arundel Contract Deputy

Town Clerk's Note:



Please be considerate of our ballot counters... these are the people who work long after the polls are closed at 8 p.m. to count all of the votes that were cast. All ballots are DOUBLE counted for accuracy. Unless you know someone is running for a write-in position, please do not write in a friend or neighbor “just for fun”. Each write-in vote MUST be tabulated and listed. By Town Charter, a person must receive a minimum of 25 votes to qualify for a position. This is the same number of signatures required to qualify to be placed on the ballot. Even though the person does not receive 25 votes, each vote is still **listed, tabulated, and documented and then recorded** as part of the Town Meeting minutes. Please remember, all elections, whether local or state, are important... Voting is a privilege that we should appreciate and take seriously. Thank you for your help!

Simone Boissonneault, Town Clerk



Recreation Program Information by Jen Dumas, Rec Director

“PLAY SOCCER” Camp

This soccer camp will be run by the professionals of PLAY SOCCER. The focus of this program will be instruction and fun!

Age group: 7-12 year olds boys & girls

Dates: July 11-15, 2005

Time: 9:30am-noon

Where: ML Day field

Fee: \$100 per participant. Please make checks out to Town of Arundel.

- Summer Rec participants will be able to join in Summer Rec activities after Soccer Camp each day.
- Do you need care for your child following the soccer camp and your child does not attend Summer Rec on a regular basis? The Arundel resident fee for your child to join Summer Rec each day after soccer camp is \$50 for the week.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 6



GIRLS’ Summer Basketball Clinic

Join us for some basketball summer fun for girls! This clinic-style basketball program aims to introduce new players to the game, and to improve on existing skills for more experienced players. Includes skills, drills and thrills!

Age group: Girls entering grades 4-6 in the fall of 2005

Dates: August 8 – 12, 2005 (Monday through Friday evenings)

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: ML Day School outdoor basketball court/indoor gym

Fee: \$20 per participant includes a T-shirt (circle size on reg. form)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 3

BOYS’ Summer Basketball Clinic

Join us for some basketball summer fun for boys! This clinic-style basketball program aims to introduce new players to the game, and to improve on existing skills for more experienced players. Includes skills, drills and thrills!

Age group: Boys entering grades 4-6 in the fall of 2005

Dates: August 15 – 19, 2005 (Monday through Friday evenings)

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: ML Day School outdoor basketball court/indoor gym

Fee: \$20 per participant includes a T-shirt (circle size on reg. form)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 10



PEE-WEE Summer Basketball Clinic

Join us during the evening for a week of basketball skills, drills and thrills for the younger group!

Age group: Boys AND Girls entering grades 1-3 in the fall of 2005

Dates: August 1 – 5, 2005 (Monday through Friday evenings)

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Where: ML Day School gym/outdoor basketball court

Fee: \$20 per participant includes a T-shirt (circle size on

reg. form)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Track Club

Join in for this great USA Track & Field Program!

Age group: Boys and Girls ages 6-14

Dates: June 13 – August 6, 2005

When: Practices Monday & Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm

Meets are Thursday afternoons at

2:00pm

Where: KHS track

Cost: \$75 per participant includes T-shirt, meet fees, transportation to meets, and USATF registration.

Registration Deadline: Rolling--register through Kennebunk Parks & Rec May 25 or after.

A schedule with exact times of departure and directions to the meets will be handed out during the first week of practice. If a participant is a member of USATF for 2004, the program fee will be \$63. Please be sure to ask for an informational sheet at registration for this program. Sign up at Kennebunk Parks & Rec office Monday – Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm (closed from 1:00-2:00pm daily).



Horsemanship Camp

Join us for this program intended to introduce beginners to care, safety, handling, stable care, ground work, horse-related games & crafts, and of course some horseback riding as well!

Age group: Girls & boys entering grades 2 thru 6 in the fall of 2005

Dates: There are TWO 2-week sessions to choose from:
Wednesdays & Fridays July 6 – 15, 2005

OR Mondays & Wednesdays July 18 - 27, 2005

Times: 1:00-4:00pm

Where: Dream Acres Equestrian Center
181 Irving Ro Arundel

Cost: \$140 per child

Minimum enrollment: 4. **Maximum enrollment:** 6

Registration Deadline: 2 weeks prior to the start date of your session.



Youth Swim Lessons

Swim Lessons at the YMCA are open to children ages 4-10 years old. The first class will be individual ability testing which allows instructors to gear their swim lessons to the needs of the children in the program. After the first class, participants will get 30 minutes of instruction time and 30 minutes of free swim time each week.

Dates: Summer Session 1: June 4 – July 16
Summer Session 2: July 23 – August 27

Time: Noon-1pm Saturdays

Where: YMCA, Biddeford

Fee: \$36 per participant

Minimum enrollment: 6

Maximum enrollment: 25

Registration deadline: The Wednesday prior to each new session.





PTA Recaps the Year *by Lynn Cote, Secretary*

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. The Arundel PTA pauses to reflect on the accomplishments that have been made. Our PTA has been busy finishing the "new" Playground project, supporting Mildred L. Day staff with classroom needs, and providing programs that enhance our student's education.



- The Playground Committee has been very hard at work raising funds and planning the removal and installation of new "safe" equipment for our students. It is very important to recognize that this project was funded by the Community (via Fundraising events), and also by the Town Administration. A special thanks to the Town Selectmen in helping us obtain the remainder of funds needed to complete this project this year. This is a true example of the community coming together for the benefit of the children.

- The PTA has provided over \$6,000 to MLD staff for supplies and projects in their individual classrooms. These items are materials that are not included in the present day budget, but definitely enhance the curriculum for the students.
- We have funded over \$2,500 in field trips for grades K-8. These trips reinforce what is taught in the classroom, allow for cultural & scientific discovery, and help keep the students both enthusiastic and interested in learning.



Many extracurricular activities that are so essential to a well-rounded educational program are difficult to fund from the existing School Budget so the PTA also funded these activities.

- The Discovery Program (an after school program)
- MEA Breakfast & Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Kindergarten Parents Night & Author's Night
- Two high school Senior scholarships & a Savings Bond to an 8th grade graduate
- MLD "Field Day" and other various community

Boy Scout Troop 330

by Phil Taschereau, Scout Master

We started our year off on a good note. A fun weekend at the Panther Pond Cabin allowed the troop to train and to get a hike up Rattle Snake Mountain once again. We were able to pull off our first "Cruisin 2005" night despite the rain, where the scouts sold enough hot dogs and hamburgers to cover start up expenses for the



next four Cruisin 2005 events scheduled for June, July, August and September. These events are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Shopper's Village from 4 pm to 7 pm, so you, the general public can check out these beautiful old cars for "FREE". Plus, this season, at Cruisin 2005, we will be selling "Old Car Parts" with 100% of the profits going to help our scouts. We have set our course for Griswold Scout Reservation in New Hampshire this year. This means that we will be going out of council to Hidden Valley Scout Camp for one week of summer camp fun. Hidden Valley has three waterfronts that offer sailing, swimming, water games, canoeing, kayaking, rowing and snorkel-

ing. Of course this means that the scouts will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers, washing car at McDonalds, doing bottle drives and stacking fire wood for rest of the summer to make this all possible. We are very pleased to announce that we have received a check from a very generous supporter of Scouting for one of our scouts to attend summer camp free of charge this year. Thank You!!! We are sending fifteen scouts and three adults this year if all goes well with our fundraising efforts. One of our goals is to go back to the Old Patrol Method of Scouting which means that the junior leaders of the troop have to take on more of a leadership role in our program. We are now at the second stage, which means that the troop has accepted the idea and junior leaders will begin the training process. In the past, the troop leaders made life too easy and the scouts forgot what trial and error was all about. We all learned by our mistakes and by doing it for ourselves. We have good scouts who want to demonstrate their own skills, make their own mistakes and teach other younger scouts how to have a good time while doing it themselves.

Our scouts would like to thank all of you for your support. All the bottles and cans that you drop off a MM & J Ga-

rage and my home at 204 Maplewood Drive. Thank you for your words of encouragement and all the opportunities that you send our way.....the chicken, french fries, fire wood and the sponsorship for one scout. We are very proud of our Town and it shows. We were awarded "Best Sled" in the Junior Division of the Klondike Derby Race where we took 1st and 2nd place in the competition. . A Great Job to the Blizzard Lizards and the Storm Riders of Troop 330 for making us all proud. Just recently our Senior Patrol Leader, Ryan Williams, and his Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Dylan Gagne, were elected into the Order of the Arrow which is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Mrs. Priscilla Williams was also nominated to the Order of the Arrow and will be doing her Ordeal in June. We are also proud to announce that Mrs. Melanie Emmons, Mrs. Donna Peverill, and Mrs. Priscilla Williams attended and completed Adult Leader Training this Spring.



Please keep us in mind if you know of a young man who has the desire to find his own way and is willing to share his talent with others. Please call Phil at 282-2851 Thank You and may GOD bless!



REMINDER:
Municipal Elections– Fire Station
Tuesday, June 14th– 8 am to 8 pm



Annual Town Meeting
Wednesday, June 15th
7 pm at the M.L. Day Gym

Child Find
Making Special Services Referrals



Do you know of a child age 3-20 who might need special education services? As part of the requirements under Public Law 10-476, Child Find, we are asking that interested individuals refer those who might need services. To make a referral, please contact the Director of Special Education at 284-4677.

Notice to Parents /Guardians
of Students in Private
or Parochial Schools



Federal special education regulations require local school districts to identify all students residing within their geographical jurisdiction who may be in need of special education services. This notice is to inform you that your child, who is currently attending a private or parochial school, may be eligible for special education evaluation and/or services available within the Arundel School Department.

If you feel that your child might require special education services, please call the Director of Special Education at 284-4677. Once contact has been made, a meeting will be arranged to discuss your concerns and the procedures for screening, evaluation and identifying students for special education services.

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Arundel Resident
Arundel, ME 04046

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