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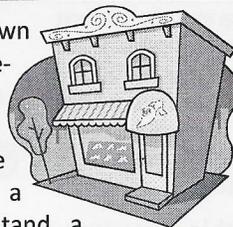
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Arundel Seasonal Cottages TIF - Public Hearing & Vote

Todd Shea, Town Manager

"What exactly is a TIF, and why are we voting on this?" This is something that I hear quite often in Town Hall these days and quite understandably so. A TIF, or "Tax Increment Financing", is one of very few mechanisms that towns can use to attempt to attract businesses. TIF's offer towns the opportunity to return a percentage of tax revenues to a developer to be directly invested into the proposed project. In doing this, the developer is reducing the cost of their project, committing to investing returned funds to the town, increasing the overall property value of the town, and allowing the town to fund economic development programs to further diversify the tax base. In the case of the current proposal, 75% of the improvement costs are being included in the tax shift formulas. This allows revenues to be deposited into the General Fund as soon as improvements are assessed, which allows for reductions to the

tax burden on the town prior to the completion of the TIF district. By offering to return a percentage of tax revenues to a



developer, towns stand a better chance of successfully locating potential businesses within their borders. If approved, the Arundel Seasonal Cottages TIF and Development District will be a 25 year program. This is a greatly simplified explanation TIF's and the TIF process.

For more information on TIF's please visit the State of Maine website, www.maine.gov/decd where you will find a tab for Start or Grow a Business.

At the **Annual Town Meeting on June 11th**, voters will be asked to approve the Arundel Seasonal Cottages TIF District and Development Plan. This project is a proposed Seasonal (8 months or less of occupancy, not year round residency) Cottage Development on Route 1, the former site of Southern Maine Landscaping. If completed as proposed this project will en-

compass approximately 300 acres on Route 1, with a total of 259 seasonal cottages to be constructed. Also associated with this plan are approximately 40,000 square feet of commercial retail space.

A **Public Hearing** will be held at **6 PM on June 11**, one hour prior to the start of this year's Annual Town Meeting in order to answer questions and provide clarification on this TIF application. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. More information will be placed on the Town of Arundel's website, www.arundelmaine.org, as it becomes available.

Residents can also stop by Town Hall for a copy of the proposed TIF application during normal business hours. Please contact the Town Manager, at townmanager@arundelmaine.org, or Town Planner, at townplanner@arundelmaine.org, for more specific information on this project and the proposed TIF District and Development Plan. We can also be reached by telephone at 985-4201 during normal business hours.



Selectmen Encourage Voters to Vote YES on RSU 21 Revolving Loan Fund Question #2

Todd Shea, Town Manager

On Tuesday, June 10 from 8 AM until 8 PM voters are asked to come out to the polls and vote. This year voters will be casting ballots on the local Town Election as well as RSU #21 budget. The Arundel Board of Selectmen has voted unanimously at their most recent meeting to recommend that voters vote in favor of Question 2 on the RSU #21 ballot.

A YES vote will allow RSU #21 to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,799,421 for life safety and ADA improvements to ML Day, Kennebunkport Consolidated and Kennebunk High School. Of this total amount, \$539,826 will be forgiven (not required to be repaid). The remaining \$1,259,595 would be repaid over a 10 year period at zero interest. The approximate cost over those ten years to the taxpayers of Arundel would be \$126,000, and the net benefit to the ML Day School in upgrades and renovations alone will be just over \$539,000.

For more information please contact RSU #21 central offices at 985-1100, or visit their website at www.rsu21.net

Arundel Residents Needed for Several Volunteer Positions

Todd Shea, Town Manager



The Town of Arundel is in need of several volunteers to fill vacancies on different boards and committees. Interested individuals can visit the Town's website, www.arundelmaine.org. Under **Public Notices** you will find a page titled "Board and Committee Vacancies" with more information. The **Economic Development Committee, Budget Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals** currently need members. Occasionally other boards and committees have a need as well.

A volunteer application can be found on the Board and Committee Vacancies page of the website on the right hand side bar. Anyone interested can email the Town Manager at townmanager@arundelmaine.org, stop by town hall and request an application, or call the Town Manager at 985-4201.

Thank you very much for considering this matter, I look forward to speaking with anyone interested in volunteering in order to best match your experiences and interests to the needs of the Town.



Arundel Historical Society News

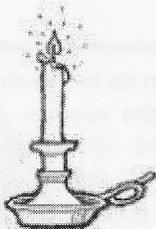
by Jake Hawkins, President

As many of you have noticed, the North Chapel Common project has made great progress in recent months. Both the Lunt and Burnham houses have been set on their new foundations! This sets the stage for lots of work: general clean up of both houses needs to be done and some repairs need to be completed. Then we can begin the actual restoration process. We are very excited and anxious to get started!

We appreciate all of your support for this community project. Every time you attend one of our suppers, participate in our raffles, or get a T-shirt, photo calendar, or an item at our bake sales, you are supporting the North Chapel Common project. Whenever you put a dollar or a bit of change in one of our North Chapel Common "donation houses" or in our donation jar at an event, you support the project as well.

The AHS has a variety of events in the works for the rest of 2014 including: a **Spaghetti Supper on May 17th** [4:30 - 6 at M.L. Day School]; a **Memorial Day ceremony** honoring our veterans at the Veterans Memorial, Sunday, May 25 at 11:30 am; our 2nd **Heritage Day** on September 20; a **Craft Fair** on October 4; an **October Bean Supper**; and an **Auction** in November. Watch for details of these events in our newsletter [*Yore Connection*], on our website, in local

papers, and posted at businesses and other locations around town.



We welcome your participation in all these events, whether it is as a volunteer or an attendee. We live in a wonderful community and it is always a pleasure to get together with our neighbors! You are also invited to become a member of the Arundel Historical Society.

Please visit our website:

www.arundelhistoricalsociety.org or contact us at: info@arundelhistoricalsociety.org.

Town Hall & Fire Station Trees to be Cut

Todd Shea, Town Manager

Unfortunately, in the coming weeks, residents may notice that the Town Hall and Fire Station are landscaped with a few less trees. The tree closest to the entrance of the Town Hall, which is a memorial to former Town Clerk Alice Leach, has succumbed to disease and will be removed. A proper memorial will be put in its place at such time as the Selectmen determine what is appropriate.

At the Fire Station, the tree used for the tree lighting ceremony has also succumbed to disease. The Selectmen will be considering the possibility of using donated trees for the holiday season until the replacement tree that was planted behind town hall three years ago is big enough to use for the Tree Lighting celebration. Please direct all inquiries to the Town Manager at 985-4201 or email townmanager@arundelmaine.org.



BOY SCOUTS ON THE GO!

Arundel Boy Scout Troop 330 has been very active! We've been camping already in February and April this year.



We have been ice fishing, completed orienteering courses and completed both a 10 mile and 20 mile hike for the Hiking Merit Badge. Our scouts took three top awards in this year's annual Klondike Derby competition.

Currently we are gearing up for the Spring Aviation Camporee which will be held at the Sanford Airport where every scout will have a chance to fly in an airplane or fly in an actual flight simulator!

We have more camping trips, a canoe trip and summer camp still to come. Our goal is to have at least one outing per month.

If you know someone interested in joining our troop or have questions please contact Dan Bastarache at 284-5195.

WISH LIST:

If anyone is willing to donate useable **ice fishing gear, camping or cooking equipment** please contact Todd Smith at 284-6345.



Cub Scouting Returns to Arundel

Interest in Cub Scouting in the Arundel area is building as parents are mobilizing to learn more about a program for their boys entering 1st grade and who have not yet completed 5th grade. Families who are involved in home schooling are invited to participate as well as families whose children attend Mildred L. Day School and the Kennebunkport Consolidated School.

Arundel Masonic Lodge #76, who also holds the Charter for Boy Scout Troop 330 of Arundel, is anxious to be the Chartered Organization and Sponsor for **Cub Scout Pack 330** of Arundel! Boy Scout Troop 330 currently has 28 boys ages 11-17 that meet on Wednesday nights at the Lodge in Kennebunkport. Interested in joining Boy Scout Troop 330? Contact Membership Chairman Dan Bastarache at 284-5195.



Cub Scouting is a family based program for boys who want to belong to a group whose aims are to build character, learn citizenship and develop personal fitness while HAVING FUN! If you have an interest in learning more about Cub Scouting in the Arundel, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport area, contact Daniel Bastarache, Steering Committee member at: 284-5195.



Arundel Parks & Recreation HAPPENINGS by Jenn Dumas, Director

2014 Summer Rec For children entering grades K-8 in the fall.

Join us for a summer of fun! Theme weeks with great activities and fun competitions, super-fun camp counselors, and 2-3 field trips per week (included in the registration fee) are the highlights. If your child enjoys being active and being in the company of friends, they'll love this program! Children will be grouped age-accordingly for activities and trip locations. **Dates:** June 23-August 15. **Hours of operation:** 7:00am-5:30pm. **Session fees (per child):** \$620 for 8 weeks, \$390 for 4 weeks (choose from session #1: 6/23-7/18 (closed 7/4) OR session #2: 7/21-8/15). Note there is no extra charge for extended care. **Registration Deadline & final payment due date:** Thursday, May 15. *Registration & payment in full for individual weeks will be accepted from May 19-May 22 for \$125/week if space allows.* **Payment plans** are available beginning now at any payment level you are comfortable with, as long as payment is received in full for 4 or 8 week sessions on or before 5/15. Unpaid fees and new registrations received after the deadline will increase by 10%. Space in the program is limited, and is only guaranteed for Arundel residents until May 15. The program normally fills. Don't delay! Middle Schoolers will be included in this program this summer – there will be no separate Middle School Summer Trips program.

May 7th Half-Day Trip For MLD K-5th graders: YMCA for ropes course, rock climbing wall, & swimming in the pool. **Fee:** \$25. **Registration Deadline:** Thursday, May 1, 2014. **Maximum enrollment:** 50.

Adult Fitness – “Sweat & Sculpt”: Join our spunky certified personal trainer, Lea Lehman, for Sweat & Sculpt classes! **When:** Thursdays from 6-7pm at the MLD Gym. **Fee:** \$6 cash at the door. No pre-registration required.



June 4th Half-Day Trip For ML Day grades K-5: Join us for an afternoon of fun at HILLTOP FUN CENTER in Somersworth, NH. Activities include arcade games, batting cages, laser tag, go-karts, & mini-golf. **Fee:** \$25. **Registration deadline:** Thursday, May 29, 2014. **Maximum enrollment:** 50



Last Day of School Half-Day Trip (6/19) For ML Day grades K-5 :The last day of school is currently expected to be Thursday, 6/19. Join us for an afternoon of MINI-GOLF & ICE CREAM to celebrate the last day of school! **Fee:** \$20. **Registration Deadline:** Thursday, 6/12/14. **Maximum enrollment:** 50. *If the weather doesn't cooperate for our outdoor plans, we will switch to indoor plans. No Refunds or Credits will be available after the registration deadline.*

June 20th Day Trip to FUNTOWN! For children in grades K-8: Join us for a day at FUNTOWN! **Daily hours:** 7:00am-5:30pm. **Registration Deadline:** Thursday 6/12. **Fee:** \$25. **Maximum enrollment:** 50. *Please note that if the weather is inclement, we will switch to indoor plans. No refunds or credits available after the registration deadline.*

Summer Horsemanship Camp For boys & girls ages 8 & up: In conjunction with Arundel Parks & Rec, Hi Stepping Equestrian Center is offering a unique adventure for your child this summer! Theresa Guillmette, owner/trainer since 1992, would like to share her gift of horsemanship with your child. Your child will learn the basics of working around and riding horses including: grooming, saddling, bridling and or course, riding. **Requirements:** long pants, boots with a short heel, and a water bottle. **When:** Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm.



June Session: June 5-June 26. **July Session:** July 3-July 24. **August Session:** July 31-August 21. **Fee:** \$100 per session/child. **Minimum enrollment/session:** 2. **Maximum enrollment/session:** 5. **Registration Deadline:** Thursday of the week prior to each session's start date.

End of Summer Day Trips For children entering grades K-8 in the fall. We will offer daily trips to some of the most popular destinations for kids during the week after Summer Rec ends. **Daily hours:** 7:00am-5:30pm. Trips will be offered **Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22.** Details to follow, and locations will be chosen by the kids, for the kids! **Registration Deadline:** 8/14.

Discount Summer Passes Available at the Arundel Town Hall by Monday, June 2nd through Labor Day to the following popular summer amusement parks:

FUNTOWN/SPLASHTOWN Combo: \$27 - 48" or taller (\$9 off gate price).
SPLASHTOWN ONLY: \$20 - 48" and taller (\$5 off gate price).
WATER COUNTRY: \$32 - 48" or taller (\$6.99 off gate price).
AQUABOGGAN - all slides & pools: \$15 (\$5 off gate price).
CRANMORE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE PARK: \$30 for over 48" and \$20 for 38-48" tall (\$9 off gate price for both).



Arundel Rec 5K Trail Run/Walk and 1K Kids' Fun Run/Walk

When: Saturday, September 6th on the Eastern Trail! Kids' Fun Run/Walk 9:00am (ages 12 and under). 5K Trail Run/Walk 10:00am. **Pre-register by Tuesday 9/1 for T-shirts.** Family-friendly lunch after the race at Bentley's Saloon.

To register: www.running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=302

Before & After School Program For K-6th graders: In the morning hours **BEFORE SCHOOL**, we will remain in our classroom to play games and do arts & crafts etc. Breakfast is not provided, children are welcome to bring their own breakfast foods (no foods containing peanuts please). The Before School program runs on regular school days from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. You can choose the days you need for the upcoming week, as long as you are signed up and paid by Thursday of the week prior to attendance, **\$5 per day**, per child. In the hours **AFTER SCHOOL**, our After-Care program can be signed up for in any combination of days on a week-to-week basis, as long as you are signed up and paid by Thursday of the week prior to attendance. The fee is **\$12 per day** per child, and it runs from 3:00-5:30pm at ML Day School. Our After School program includes a healthy snack & drink, homework help, and fun daily activities. For staffing & planning purposes, we do not offer a "drop-in" option.

TO REGISTER FOR OUR PROGRAMS: Registration forms & check payment can be sent to MLD School with your child in an envelope that says "Arundel Rec". Ask your child to give the envelope to their teacher and they'll get it to us. Registrations can also be dropped off or mailed to MLD school, or the Arundel Town Hall, as long as it is received by the deadline and space is available. You will be notified if the program you want to register for is full. *If you'd like to pay cash*, please register at the Town Hall between 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Mailing address: Attn: Rec Department Arundel Town Hall 468 Limerick Road, Arundel, ME 04046.

FACEBOOK: Follow our adventures, see pictures of our fun, get upcoming program notifications and registration deadline reminders by requesting to join our closed Facebook group. Search for group name: "Arundel Recreation Department" and request to join today!

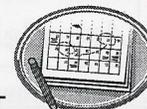


MaineDOT Notice of Formal PUBLIC MEETING

To Discuss Operational & Safety Improvements of Alfred Rd & Hill Road intersection. Wednesday, May 21st From 6 to 8 pm At the Mildred L. Day School Library Please join MaineDOT at a formal public meeting to discuss the proposed intersection improvements. Installation of right-turn lane and signal at the intersection of Alfred Rd & Hill Rd.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!



- Monday, May 19th** at 7 PM at the Kennebunk Elementary School, 177 Alewife Rd. RSU 21 will hold its **Public Hearing & Budget Meeting** for the proposed school budget to be voted on June 10th
- Thursday, May 22nd** at 7 PM in the ML Day School Library. The Arundel Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing** on proposed revisions to the **Land Use Ordinance Amendments** to be voted upon at Town Meeting on June 11th.
- Monday, June 9th** at 7 PM in the ML Day School Library. The Selectmen will hold a **Public Hearing** on a proposed amendment to the **Eastern Trail Parking Ordinance** to allow parking on the westerly side of the Limerick Road. Pending approval, parking spots will be constructed with grant funds from the Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition.
- Tuesday, June 10th** State Primary **Election Day**, Municipal Elections and RSU 21 Referendums at the Fire Station, 8 am to 8 pm.
- Wednesday, June 11th** at 6 PM in the ML Day School Gymnasium. The Arundel Board of Selectmen will hold a **Public Hearing** on the proposed Arundel Seasonal Cottages TIF District and Development Plan to be voted upon at the **Annual Town Meeting** which will follow at **7 PM** on June 11.

Arundel Historical Society

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, May 17
4:30 - 6 pm
at



ML Day School

Memorial Day Ceremony



Sunday,
May 25 @ 11:30am

A brief memorial tribute will be held at the Arundel Central Fire Station on Limerick Road at the Veterans Memorial. **Please join us.**



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