

The Arrow

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Arundel Voters Turn Down Comprehensive Plan Update

At the November 4 election, Arundel voters rejected the proposed comprehensive plan update by a margin of 115 votes. The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee continues to meet and is now attempting to find out why voters rejected their proposal.



Maine law requires that a municipality adopt a Comprehensive Plan if it chooses to regulate land use. Therefore, any zoning ordinance must be based on a comprehensive plan. Likewise, a building permit limitation ordinance, such as Arundel's Residential Growth Ordinance, or any Impact Fee Ordinance must be based on a comprehensive plan to be enforceable. State law sets the parameters for the information to be contained in a comprehensive plan and establishes guidelines for the local goals and policies contained in the plan.

Within that framework, it is up to each community to determine the future it chooses for itself. The Comprehensive Plan Update that was voted on in November was based on the opinions that the Committee heard expressed over a two (2) year period at visioning sessions, from written survey and the forums and hearings the committee held this summer and fall. Evidently, the Committee had not been hearing from as broad a cross-section of the community as necessary. In the next several months the committee will be working to find out the reasons why the 1,650 people who voted on the plan voted the way they did.

The Committee has identified a number of provisions in the plan about which citizens may have had strong feelings. These issues include:

- expansion of the commercial areas along the northern portion of Portland Road
- limitations on subdivisions in the designated rural conservation area
- allowing more dense development along River Road/Old Post Road and New Road
- restrictions on development activity along Route 111
- narrowing the commercial areas along portions of the southern section of Portland Road; and
- using the Growth Ordinance to limit residential development in the rural areas

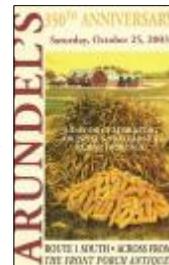
The Committee is most interested in hearing your opinion on these provisions or other issues in the Plan Update that influenced the way you voted. Please take the time to contact any of the following Committee members to let them know why you voted the way you did.

Simone Boissonneault	282-2600	sboiss@adelphia.net
Milda Castner	985-7000	mcastner@lexmaine.com
Tom Danylik	985-6139	td@woodedlaw.com
Roland Drew	985-2835	randndrew@ghi.net
Tom Grondin		dgrondin@rcn.com
Roger Scannell	985-6130	scannell2@adelphia.net
Stacy Wentworth	967-4735	

You may also email a message to the Planning Committee from the town's website. Simply go to www.arundelmaine.org

FARMFEST THANKS

The Arundel Farmfest Volunteer Committee would like to take a moment to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for their generous support of our Town Celebration.



The October Farmfest could not have taken place without the contributions of time, talent, and generosity of so many individuals and organizations in our community! We wish we could list them all!

It turned out to be a day to remember, making new memories for young and old alike. Perhaps our children will look at old photos and remember the day! Many have mentioned the wonderful small town feelings of seeing old friends and neighbors and learning about all the "unknown" talent of our little community!

Words cannot express how rewarding it was for each of us on the committee to see the events unfold so well and with such a great attendance from Arundel residents and residents of our neighboring towns.

Souvenir Posters and 2004 Calendars with Photos of Arundel's Past are still on sale at the Town Office. They make wonderful gifts and help to offset the costs incurred in running the Farmfest.



Arundel 2004 Dog License Reminder



NOTE: CHANGE IN LICENSE FEES!

\$6.00 for spayed or neutered dog

\$10.00 for male or female

capable of producing young

All dogs 6 months of age

or older must be licensed by State Law.

A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED

AFTER JANUARY 31, 2004 A \$15 LATE FEE will be applied on all dogs licensed in addition to the licensing fee. AFTER APRIL 1st, unlicensed dogs will be placed on the Municipal Warrant along with a additional \$25 WARRANT FEE per dog.

If your dog has passed away or gone to a new owner since last year we would appreciate a call at 985-4201.

(Great stocking stuffer for your pet!)



Middle School Negotiation Update



The Arundel School Committee has met several times with a negotiating team from Thornton Academy to work out a contract to educate Arundel's sixth, seventh, and eight grade students. Negotiations are progressing; however, a question has been raised regarding the regulations required by the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Law, Thornton Academy's status as a private school, and the effects this has on the Federal funds received by the sending public schools.

This question has been referred to the Maine Department of Education and forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education for an answer and until this is clarified, the negotiations process is on hold.

Contract negotiations by law are required to be held in executive session but we can say that this process is continuing and the Arundel School Committee is negotiating with the best interest of the children as a top priority.

Troop 330 Recaps Great Year!

We have so much to be thankful for: We had Scouts washing cars, selling hot dogs and soda, cleaning yards, selling lolly-pops, cookie mix jars, Christmas wreaths, most of all getting a chance to meet you.....our supporters, while earning money for our program. We worked hard, but boy did we have fun going to summer camp, Battleship Cove, LL Bean's Orienteering course, going to New Mexico and hiking the Appalachian Mountain Trail. Just imagine....the feeling of sleeping on a battleship, climbing a mountain over twelve thousand feet high, taking a seven day hike across New Mexico, flying on a plane for the first time and even leaving home for the first time in your life.....WOW

Troop 330 is very proud of the following scouts: Dylan Gagne, David Hanlon, Travis Barron-Peverill, Jacob Tidwell and Steven Woodcock for their participation in the annual "Scouting for Food" drive that helped replenish the St. Martha's Food Pantry; the scouts who took time to visit with the residents of Huntington Common; the scouts who attended summer camp and earned their merit badges in Archery, Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival, Indian Lore, Woodcarving and Swimming. Just recently, these scouts were honored at a Court of Honor held at Masonic Lodge #76. We were proud to help the masons of West Kennebunk, when they hosted the Camp Waban Fishing Derby. I'm always amazed how these scouts find the time to do their schoolwork, sports, their chores and find time for scouting.

Troop 330 would like to recognize and thank Mr. & Mrs. Marty Cain for all the years of dedicated service they have both given to the scouting program. This year "God" not only blessed Marty with his new garage but blessed them both with a precious Grand Daughter, Congratulations!!!!



Please look for us during the Prelude festivities beginning December 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th where we will be selling Christmas wreaths and goodies at the Masonic Lodge#76. Special thanks to Dennis George of the Seafood Center of Maine for his support of the scouting program.

We would like to wish all of you "Special Greetings" for the holiday season. May it be filled with joy and happiness....May "God" bless you all!!!

Our troop is always looking for a young man who enjoys the outdoors, being challenged and willing to learn about himself in a positive manner. Please call Phil at 282-2851 for more info.

Cub Scout Pack 330 News

By Donna Buttarazzi

The Cub Scouts and parents of Pack 330 have been very busy this fall! We would like to welcome Jim Buttarazzi as our new Committee Chairperson, Peggy Lunt as the Wolf den leader, and Gail Douston as the Tiger den leader.



In September, we held a sign up and welcomed 13 new scouts to our pack and took a trip to the Corn Maze at Pumpkin Valley Farm in Dayton. The boys had to answer questions about scouts in order to get clues on which way to turn in the maze.

In October, we held our first Pack meeting of the year and officially welcomed the new Tiger cub den and our other new scouts. At the Arundel Farmfest, we held a bean supper fundraiser that was fun for everyone and raised over \$800 for pack activities. We would like to thank Seafood Center, Hannaford's, Shaws, Jordan's Meats, B&M Beans, and Country Kitchen for their donations.

The 5 dens that make up our pack have been busy planning activities and earning achievements. The Tiger Cubs recently took a trip to the Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve, and the Bears and Webelos II's took separate hikes up Mt. Agamenticus to work on their activity badges. The Webelos II's are hard at work on the achievements for their Arrow of the Light Award, and will cross over into Boy Scouts at the Blue and Gold Banquet in March.

Our annual Trails End Popcorn Sale concluded in November and added over \$600 to our coffers for the year. Our big sellers were Bears Kyle Leskowsky, Eric Patoine, and Jeremy Sylvain, and our top seller was Tiger Blake Douston.

The Pack participated in Scouting for Food on November 1st and collected \$192 in cash donations and 200 pounds of canned goods for the local food pantry. We will be donating \$200 towards gifts for two boys and two girls from the Giving Tree at Town Hall this holiday season.

Upcoming pack events include the annual Pinewood Derby in January, and an overnight at the Boston Museum of Science.



Golden Girls Set Winter Schedule

Our last meeting will be a Christmas Party At the Blue Moon in Arundel on Wednesday Dec. 3rd at 11:30 A.M. On Dec. 1st and 15th and every Monday on the first and third of the month we will go directly to the Kennebunkport Masonic Hall for the luncheon until we resume our regular meetings again at the Firehouse in Arundel the first Monday of April at 10:00 A.M.



RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES *by Jenn Dumas, Recreation Director*

The following are the latest program offerings from the Arundel Recreation Dept. We hope you'll join in!

WINTER CHEERING: Learn the cheers from the AMS Cheerleaders (along with adult coach supervision)! Practice once a week and cheer at Home basketball games this season! FEE: \$25 — Open to grades 3-6. *1st Practice will be held Sat. Dec. 6th from 8-10am at ML Day gym.* **REGISTER NOW!!**



DECEMBER 12 NO SCHOOL DAY: While the ML Day School teachers are having a workshop day, the kids can go **ROCK-N-GLOW BOWLING** in the morning at Bowl-a-rama in Sanford, where they will also get unlimited pizza and soda for lunch. After lunch, we'll head over to the Sanford Stage Company to see the children's classic **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT** performed on stage. Parents please pack snacks and drinks for your kids. Extra money for concessions is optional. *Chaperones are needed!* *Please indicate on your child's registration form if you can help out.* WHEN: Friday, 12/12/03. TIMES: Drop off between 8:30-9am and pick up at 4:30 at ML Day gym. FEE: \$25 per child. Min: 30. Max: 100. Open to grades K-8 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12/08/03.**

HOLIDAY VACATION REC TRIPS:

TRIP #1: WHEN: MONDAY, Dec. 29th. TIME: Drop off at 8:00am (we'll be loading the buses at 8:15). Pick up at 4pm at ML Day gym. Open to grades K-8. FEE: \$20 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12/19/03.** BRING: A bathing suit and towel, snacks, lunch and drinks for the day. We'll be going **SWIMMING AT THE YMCA** in the morning, then head back to ML Day school for lunch. After lunch, **MAGICIAN Steve Thomas** will share his magic with us. Then, we'll have open gym and other activities for the remainder of the afternoon. *Chaperones needed — please indicate on your child's registration form if you can help out.*



TRIP #2: WHEN: TUESDAY, Dec. 30th. TIME: Drop off between 8:00-8:15am, Pick up at 4:00pm at ML Day gym. Open to grades K-8. FEE: \$20 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12/19/03.** We'll roller skate at **HAPPY WHEELS** in the morning (fee includes regular roller skates — children wishing to rent in-line skates must bring \$3 and pay at the door). Our afternoon will be spent at **JOKERS!** Please be sure your children wear socks that day (Jokers policy). Lunch will be provided at Jokers — pizza and soda. *Chaperones needed — please indicate on your child's registration form if you can help out.*



PRESCHOOL & YOUTH SWIM LESSONS will be offered at the YMCA beginning 1/8/04 running thru 2/12/04. Ages 6 & up from 4-5pm on Thursdays. Ages 6 months to 5 years old from 5-6pm on Thursdays. Lessons for ages 6mos to 3 years are Parent/Child format. Students 5 years old & under **MUST** have a parent in the water with them for the last half hour of lessons (which is "free swim" time). Fee: \$30. Min: 6. Max: 30 in each program. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12/19/03.**

PARENT/CHILD PLAYGROUP: Beat the winter blahs with a weekly parent/child playgroup. Join other Arundel parents and their preschool children for simple songs, crafts and socializing. Beginning in January if there is enough interest. Call to express your interest and what day(s) would work best for you.

ADULT YOGA: Join Instructor Joan Smaldone from SURYA Yoga for Iyengar style Hatha Yoga. WHEN: Mondays 1/5-2/9 7:15-8:45pm. WHERE: SURYA Yoga studio on the Route 1 end of Limerick Road. FEE: \$40 per participant. Enrollment Min. 8. Max. 12. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRI., JAN. 2, 2004.**

ADULT SCRAPBOOKING: Join seasoned Scrapbooker Tami Hussey for an evening of Border Mania! This class, designed for those with some scrapbooking experience, includes paper, stickers and 24 borders (one for each season and holiday). WHEN: Wed. Jan 21st 7-9:30pm. WHERE: ML Day School library. FEE: \$30. Max enrollment: 15. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WED., JAN. 7, 2004.** (We need time to order supplies!)



DON'T MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SKI/SNOWBOARD LESSONS AT LOST VALLEY. REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT FOR SKI/BOARDBOARD LESSONS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2003.



TEENS' & MENS' OPEN GYM Sundays at the MLD gym. Teens' open gym is from 4-6pm. Mens' open gym is from 6-8pm. This program has been made possible by the generosity of some volunteer supervisors from our community. It is free and open to the public. No need to register - hope to see you there.



December 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Secret Santa Gifts Due back 12/8	8 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	9 Fire Training 7 pm FS	10 School Brd 7 pm MLD	11 Planning Board 7pm FS F	12	13
14 HOLIDAY GATHERING 4 to 6 pm MLD	15	16 Village Center 7pm FS EMT Training	17 Comp Plan Rewrite Com. 7pm FS	18	19	20
21	22 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS Day Holiday	26 Town Hall CLOSED 25th & 26th	27
28	29	30	31 Last Day to File Tax & Rent Refund Form			

January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Holiday Town Hall Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Planning Board 7pm FS	9	10
11	12 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	13 Fire Training 7 pm FS	14 School Brd 7 pm MLD	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	20 Village Center 7pm FS EMT Training	21 Comp Plan Rewrite 7pm FS	22 Planning Board 7pm FS	23	24
25	26 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	27	28 Fire-Rescue Mtg 7 pm FS	29	30	31



REVALUATION UPDATE

by Kristen M. Plante, Assessor

The revaluation is going smoothly. We are still in the process of data collection. At this point the feedback from taxpayers has been mostly favorable. I have attempted to address any concerns that taxpayers may have. Most of the concerns that have been expressed are that appointments were not made beforehand. Although I understand that most people would have liked to have an appointment before their properties were visited, it just wasn't possible. It would have been much too time consuming to try and schedule appointments with every property in town. As it is, the revaluation will take a year to complete. It is much more efficient to canvas an area initially and just return for those that are not home at the time. As I have stated previously, even if you are home but it is not an opportune time, just let the data collector know and then a letter can be sent so that an appointment can be made to return.

Paul McKenney, the crew chief overseeing the data collectors has reported that as of October 15, 2003, 1092 properties have been visited. Of the 1092 properties visited, 208 were vacant parcels, 457 were improved parcels and the owners were not home and were measured on the exterior only and 427 were improved parcels that were measured and listed completely on the interior and exterior.

So at this point we have a 48% entry rate on improved parcels. Considering the busy lives that many people lead and also the

fact that most people work outside the home, 48% entry rate is excellent at this phase of the revaluation. I really commend the staff at Vision for their diligence with the inspections as well as the taxpayers of Arundel for their cooperation.

At the end of the Data Collection phase, those properties in which the interior inspection could not be made will be mailed a letter. The property owner will have an opportunity to call and schedule an appointment for an interior inspection. When the letters are received, I encourage all property owners to call and schedule an appointment. In order for the revaluation to be fair for all taxpayers, we need to make sure that the information is as accurate as possible.

I also wanted to mention again that all Vision employees working on the revaluation have a letter of introduction with their vehicle information on it and my signature. Also all employees should be wearing an identification badge. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to call the town hall to verify any of the information.

I will continue to keep you updated of the progress. If you have any questions or concerns about the revaluation I can be reached at the Town Hall 985-4201 or by e-mail at kplante@adelphia.net.

Market Value Assessments verses Current Use Assessments

Properties in the State of Maine are assessed at the "just value" which means market value. In Arundel, the market has been soaring like most communities in southern Maine. The last Town Wide revaluation was done in 1989. Currently we are assessing at 68% of market value. With the completion of the revaluation, properties will be assessed at 100 % of market value.

Other methods of valuation are using "current use" value. Current use recognizes that the property will not be sold and the values are based on their current use. **Tree Growth Classification** or **Farm and Open Space Classification** are types of current use programs. Once entered into these classifications, the property is valued at a lesser value. There is a penalty assessed when and if the property is removed from classification.

If you would like more information on these programs, you can stop in the Assessor's Office or visit our web site at www.Arundelmaine.org. You will find the information under the Tax Assessing Department on our web site. I would just like to remind taxpayers that taxable status is based on April 1st of each year. If you are considering entering your property into one of these classifications, **you must file an application with the Assessor's Office on or before April 1, 2004.**



New Deputy in Town!

For those of you that don't know me, I am Deputy Matt Nadeau of the York County Sheriff's Office, and have assumed the role of Contract Deputy with the Town of Arundel. I have several years with the Sheriff's Office, including Corrections, Court Security, and Transportation. Prior to my employment with the YCSO, I was employed by the Wells Police Department as a Patrolman and an Emergency Dispatcher. I began my career in Law Enforcement in 1996 attending Southern Maine Regional College. When not at work, I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my family.



I would like to thank everyone that has made by transition to Arundel so welcome. I look forward to serving the community and would welcome the opportunity to listen to concerns and questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at the Arundel Office at 985-8008. I can also be reached at the Sheriff's Office at 324-1113. As always, if you have an EMERGENCY please DIAL 911 and the York County dispatchers will assist you. I look forward to meeting all of you.

A Note from Arundel Social Services



By Wendy Lank, 985-4201

The tags are ready and hanging on our Secret Santa Christmas Tree that is located in the lobby of Town Hall. If you would like to take a tag from the tree to purchase the gift shown we ask that all unwrapped gifts be returned to Town Hall on or before Monday, **December 8th**. We will then sort the gifts according to their families and distribute them for Christmas.

If for some reason you are unable to take a tag but would like to make a donation towards purchasing a gift for a needy child you are welcomed to make a cash donation and someone will do the shopping for you.



The deadline to file a 2003 Maine Resident Application for a Property Tax Refund or Rent Refund is December 31st. The income limit for a single person is \$29,900 and for a married couple or someone with dependents is \$46,300. This is a great program that I have personally seen help many people in the community. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the application so why not give it a try. If you need help, feel free to give me a call and we can set up a time for you to come in the office and I can help you with it.



HOLIDAY GATHERING 2003

Come join your friends and neighbors for a Pot Luck Dinner, Holiday Auction/ Raffle, Caroling & Dancing on Sunday, Dec. 14th, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the ML Day Gym. Always looking for help for set up and clean up chores as well as the Auction/Raffle. FMI call Beth Gillespie at 282-2199.

Attention All Arundel Business Owners

The Arundel Business Association (ABA) is inviting all Arundel Businesses - Home Occupations, Service, Fishermen and Commercial Business owners - to our 1st Annual Christmas Party & Pot Luck Supper - December 18th at the Red Apple Campground on Sinnott Road at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring along a main dish, hot or cold, to share. Beverages and side dishes will be provided. Please RSVP ASAP to Bob Lindsey (RLA Wholesale) at 467-8150 by Dec. 15th. Call now!



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