



The Arrow

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Newsletter

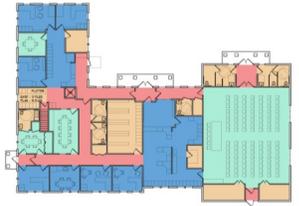
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Special Town Meeting and Informational Meeting

by Keith Trefethen, Town Manager

After months of hard work by the Arundel Municipal Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen, a **Special Town Meeting** date has been set for **Saturday, November 16, 2019, 10AM** at the ML Day School Gymnasium. The Saturday date was chosen to allow more voter participation.

The team effort has realized a building of around 7,000 square feet that includes all office spaces on one floor and a meeting space to accommodate over 100 people. Efforts also include a building designed with R-40 walls and R-60 Roof that along with the solar system, we anticipate an energy efficient building, the energy needed to power the new building will be generated on site. We believe this will be the first net zero building of its kind in Maine.



Port City Architects with the help of the Committee prepared a bid package that was distributed to General Contractor's region wide. Six Contractors responded provided costs for site work and building construction. Three of the six were interviewed by the Committee with Ouellet Construction of Brunswick, Maine selected for the project. After selection, the committee worked with Ouellet and developed additional savings through a review of the project.

In the end, with all the new packages considered (Building-Solar-Furniture-Audio Visual-Phone-Security-etc) the final cost for the project will be approximately 2.9 million. At the Special Town Meeting we will be seeking approval from the voters to borrow funding for a 20-25 year period to cover these costs. This is estimated it will result in an impact to the annual tax of between 40 to 45 cents per thousand to cover the bond. If you own a \$200,000 home the estimated cost to you would be between \$80 to \$90 dollars a year.

The Board of Selectmen and Committee prior to the Special Town Meeting will be holding a **Public Information meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019** starting at **7PM at the ML Day School**. Folks can ask questions and gather further understanding at this meeting prior to the vote on November 16th.

Notes from the Town Clerk's Office

By Emily Nedeau

Dog Tags: The new 2020 Dog Tags have arrived. License Fees remain \$6.00 for spayed and neutered dogs. \$11.00 for dogs capable of producing young.



A current Maine Rabies Certificate is needed. As of February 1st a State imposed late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to ALL late registrations in addition to the regular fees.

PLEASE notify us at 985-4201 if you no longer have the dog. To License ONLINE visit:

www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

Snowmobile Registrations: The new 2020 Stickers are available. Again we want to remind you to please bring in your old registration or take a photo on your phone of the **Plate or Registration number** or sticker. This will



avoid errors as some of the State's systems do not purge out old registrations. Also, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife is requesting customers show a Maine Driver's License or ID to confirm Maine residency status.

Proof of Residency: IF&W is requiring **Proof of Residency with every transaction and for every customer**. If a customer does not have a driver's license, a valid State of Maine ID with an expiration date can be used. Otherwise, a Residency Affidavit will need to be completed.



Vehicle Registrations: Please bring in the previous registration along with valid proof of insurance (card or digital) & mileage when coming in to re-register your vehicle.

The question always comes up... "where do I go first with a new vehicle? Town Hall or Motor Vehicle?" The general rule of thumb is to start at the Town Hall. Call 985-4201 FMI

Recreation Program Updates

Jenn Shea, Parks & Rec Director

Annual Tree Lighting

Mark your calendars now for the annual Arundel Tree

Lighting! **Friday, December 6, 2019**

5:55pm Shuttle service from Arundel Public Works garage and ML Day School back parking lot to Fire Station begins.

6:00pm Little Melodies Band begins

6:30pm Mildred L. Day School Carolers

6:30-8:00pm Horse-drawn wagon rides with Rockin' Horse Stables begin in Town Hall parking lot.

6:45pm Community sing-along to welcome Santa Claus as he arrives on a fire truck to light the Tree.

6:50-end Free photo & visit with Santa for each child with Denise Dupuis Photography.



Youth Basketball season begins soon!

Register by 10/31 (check for team space after 10/31)

Basketball Babes (for 3 & 4 year-olds)

Kinderball (for kindergarteners)

Hoop Stars (for grades 1 & 2)

Youth league (for grades 3-6)



NEW! Indoor Soccer League

Register deadline: 2/27/2020 – space is limited so register early!

Grades 1 & 2 Girls 3/11-4/8 Wednesdays

Grades 1 & 2 Boys 3/10-4/7 Tuesdays

Grades 3-5 Girls 3/9-4/6 Mondays

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We offer fun trips for grades PK-5 on half-days, teacher workshop days & vacation weeks.

Visit our website <http://arundelrec.com> or call the office (207) 286-9241 for program details.

Arundel Little League

Although we are a long way from spring, the Arundel Little League is already planning for the spring 2020 Little League Baseball/Softball season.

We are seeking volunteers to keep this tremendous program continuing for the children of Arundel. Our next board meeting is **November 12th** at 6pm at ML Day School.



Please contact us at arundellittleleague@gmail.com for more information if you are interested in volunteering.

Registration for the next season will occur in February of 2020. Follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168884609842223/>

to stay current on important dates and information for the 2020 Baseball/Softball season.

Thank you,
Eric Williams
Arundel Little League President



Arundel Historical Society

by Jake Hawkins, Pres.

The Arundel Historical Society welcomed in the season with our annual Fall Baked Bean and Pasta Supper on October 19.

It was a very nice turnout and we are especially heartened by the increasing number of young families we have seen attending. It is good for the community but also good for families to spend good time together. We want to thank our usual coterie of helpers and volunteers and the “dessert people” who make our suppers special. Look for our spring supper sometime in April 2020.

The historical society was recently awarded the KKA Chamber of Commerce DRIVE to be the Best 2019 Non-Profit Award. This award is given out to organizations who seem to be making an impact in their community through their work and mission. All of our progress is due to the tireless work of our volunteers, the participation of the people who attend our events and the consistently generous support of local businesses and individuals. We are immensely grateful for the confidence you have shown in us and hope for your continued participation and support in the future.

We will be holding a bake sale come Election Day so treat yourself to some of the many delicious items which will be there for sale. We will also have information about what we do and people to answer questions on upcoming projects.

BAKE SALE



Finally, this winter we are going to devote our energies toward the realization of our goal of construction of a meetinghouse/community hall at our North Chapel Common. Underground electric was put in this summer and major work was done to the Burnham house this past spring. We have gotten the sentiment from the community that a community function hall would be a definite asset to our town. We have basic plans drawn up and are presently looking for financing options. This will be our work for the winter. If you have interest, ideas, or want to know more, please look up our website or call 283-9699. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at ML Day School. All are welcome.

Note's from Arundel Social Services Wendy Lank, GA Administrator & Social Services

Holiday Food Baskets: Requests for Holiday Food Baskets are being accepted now. The **deadline** to request a Thanksgiving Basket is November 8th and the **deadline** to request a Christmas Basket is December 6th.

If you would rather not cook on the holiday there are several complimentary meal sites available around the area.



Project Pilgrim is an annual complimentary Thanksgiving Day dinner prepared and served at St. Martha's Church in Kennebunk from 12-1:30 p.m. Volunteers welcome hundreds of guests each year and also offer take out meals and home delivery options may be available to home bound individuals. For more information please contact Community Harvest at 967-1911.

Each year the West Kennebunk Village Committee also hosts a free Thanksgiving Day meal from 12-2 p.m. held at the Dorothy Stevens Community Center. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend this community holiday meal.

The Noel Dinner is an annual complimentary Christmas Day dinner prepared and served at St. Martha's Church in Kennebunk at 1:00 p.m. This festive celebration features a delicious meal and holiday entertainment. For more information please contact Community Harvest at 967-1911. Take out meals are offered and home delivery options may be available to home bound individuals.

Secret Santa: Secret Santa provides Christmas gifts to children of families living in Arundel, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport that are in need of help due to financial restraints. Applications are now available and may be requested by stopping into the Social Services office at Town Hall or calling 985-4201 ext 113. The **deadline** to submit applications is **November 15th** so hurry and get that application in because it will not be accepted after that date.



Arundel Conservation Trust ("ACT")

As the end of the year 2019 moves closer, it marks the second full year of our mission to help preserve the unique rural character of Arundel and create a greater sense of pride in our community – and what a year it's been!

Just before you'll be reading this, we had the formal ceremony to dedicate the opening of the Welch Woods preserve on River Road, located on the Kennebunk River just past Durrell's Bridge Road. Invitees included Arundel Selectmen, ACT members & volunteers, neighbors and other key parties. This beautiful site gives Arundel residents public access to the Kennebunk River by walking a short trail down to the water's edge where there are now several benches and sitting logs that were built by our local Boy Scout troop #330. All the trail work has been done over the past year by teams of ACT Trailblazers – ACT members & volunteers, who've been guided & mentored by experts from the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust. They've taught us the art & science of clearing trails, building bridges over small streams, boardwalks over wet ground and marking trails with signs and information.

This year we've also been working hard on planning and trail building at the 47-acre Arundel Community Trails conservation land located just behind the planned new Arundel Town Hall property on Limerick Road. The first trail is almost completed and will connect to the Eastern Trail where it crosses the Kennebunk River before the end of this year. Our work here has been helped tremendously through an unexpected financial gift from an anonymous donor who believes in our mission and wanted to make sure we had the resources needed to build trails on this property.

We've had folks of all ages and experience join our Trailblazer group, eager to either share their expertise or to learn new skills with us as we build out nearly two miles of trails, bridges and boardwalks on the Arundel Community Trails conservation land. Check out our Facebook page and ACT website for information on what's going on. We will have volunteer Trailbuilding Teams working on Sunday afternoons from 12-4 or dusk on November 3rd and 10th. It's a great way to be outdoors, making some new friends and being part of building something that that is bigger and longer lasting than yourself. No experience necessary (one of our youngest Trailblazers helped build a bridge; he's only four and getting pretty good with a power drill!) Once the Town Hall is built, walkers, cyclists and others will have access to safe lighted parking and bathroom facilities.

Come and join us – we need YOU!





IMPORTANT DATES

Informational Meeting
Thursday
November 7th - 7 pm
MLD School Library



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday
November 16th - 10 am
MLD School Gym

The Municipal Building Committee members and Board of Selectmen have planned this meeting to provide an additional opportunity to review the proposed Town Hall facility design as well as to provide answers to residents questions on construction, costs, estimated time lines, etc., prior to the formal Special Town Meeting vote scheduled for November 16th.

The Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10:00 am at the MLD School Gym in order to allow for more voter participation than an evening meeting.

The Warrant articles will include authorization to borrow the funds for construction of the Town Hall facility with a bond. Approval of the solar contract to provide energy credits will also be on the warrant.

A copy of the Special Town Meeting warrant will be posted on the website at www.arundelmaine.org

Sample Ballot
available at
arundelmaine.org



State of Maine
Referendum Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Question 1: Bond



FOOD DRIVE
Election Day
At the Polls

Question 2: Constitutional Amendment

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