

The Arrow

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Town Manager's Notes:

Special Town Meeting

A special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7PM, in the Central Fire Station Meeting Room, to vote upon the acceptance of a sixty-foot right of way. A 750' access road will be constructed within this right of way this fall using funds from the Community Development Block Grant the Town accepted last Spring. The road will serve four commercial lots. Arundel Machine Tool, Inc will begin construction of it's new manufacturing facility on one of the lots this fall and a second manufacturer has begun the design for it's new facility to be constructed on another of the lots.

Mil Rate Decreases

In spite of having to fund 50% of the governors expanded homestead exemption, the equivalent of 0.2 mils, the Town has set the mil rate for this year at 10.85 mils, down 0.1 mils from last year. What this should mean to the owner of a \$200,000 house is a savings of at least \$60 dollars on last years tax bill.



New Assessor

Beginning September 13th there will be a new face in the Assessor's Office. Beth Newcombe will be replacing Kristen Plante as the Town's Assessor. Kristen has, unfortunately for us, decided that she needs to spend time with her family for the next several years. As our first Assessor Kristen has done a great job for Arundel, especially during our recent revaluation – we'll miss her!

Beth Newcombe currently lives in South Portland and worked in the Assessing Department of Westbrook for four years. While in Westbrook Beth was primarily an appraiser but also put in time as acting assessor. Presently Beth is doing field-work for the town of Waterboro.

Solar Center Collecting Donations of School Supplies for Iraqi School

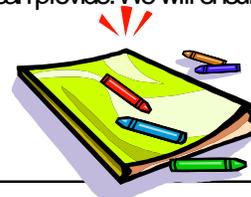
Several weeks ago Solar Market, located at 25 Limerick Rd. Arundel, was contacted by Captain Harding of USMC stationed in Western Iraq. He requested that a solar system be designed for a local school so that they can have electricity. Apparently the transmission line is too far away for this school to have any hope of getting power any time soon. We were very surprised to hear from the Marines for such a request since our impression was that the Marines are primarily combat units.



When we inquired about why the USMC was embarking such a project, Capt Harding responded this way. *"There are many people (including me) drooling about the prospects of solar energy out here. I know this is the first time it's been tried out in Western Iraq. This village was driven off the base we are on when Saddam Hussein built this airbase in the 1980s. They are very poor. I've enclosed a picture of the a well they drink out of. We are building a well at the same school in hopes of providing a clean drinking water source for the valley. Some parts of this country have experienced degrades in their living standards as a result of the war (economy and work, mainly). This village has never had any electricity, clean water, or the other things we take for granted. It will be a pleasure to see lights on at night at the school and see these people join the 21st Century. Thanks for all the help. Capt Harding, EH., USMC, Regimental Combat Team 2, Al Anbar Province, Iraq"*

Capt. Harding's unit is a "civil affairs" group which follow the combat units right after the conflict or sometimes even during the combat to repair and improve the local situation. We never knew that the Marines did such work and we were inspired enough to "sell" the solar equipment at our cost and also ask FedEx to discount the shipping cost to meet their budget. We asked Capt. Harding if the Marines are willing to accept school supplies for this village and their answer was, "Sir, We would greatly appreciate any donations you can provide. We will ensure it is passed off to the unit that works the area for distribution."

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: *The Solar Market is encouraging anyone who is willing to drop off school material, pens, paper, markers, etc at 25 limerick Rd so that these can be included on with the solar equipment for this school.* Naoto Inoue, The Solar Center





SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As Tuesday, September 6, 2005 rapidly approaches, I await the start of the 2005/2006 school year. As the Arundel School District's new Superintendent of Schools, I feel somewhat like the "new kid" at school- anxious and excited about what the new school year will bring. Following long-time educator icon (47 years) Dick Marx is a daunting task even for a well-seasoned veteran. However, if the first two weeks of my tenure are indicators, I anticipate that it will be a smooth transition.

Superintendent Marx left the District in a strong position, well staffed, and financially sound which is a tribute to his organizational skills. Thanks to his guidance and the assistance of Jennifer Bridges and Carol Cloutier in the Central Office, I feel that my transition has gone well. Jen and Carol have a wealth of knowledge about the operations of the school district and their willingness to share with me has been a great help.

I have had an opportunity over the last two weeks to meet many Town Officials, school personnel and staff. Everyone has been welcoming and offering assistance and for that I thank everyone. I have had the opportunity to tour the Mildred L. Day School with Norm Boissonneault and he and his crew have things looking great.

I have met with Carl Stasio, Headmaster at Thornton Academy, Tom Farrell, Superintendent at Kennebunk and will be meeting with other Superintendents of Districts where our secondary students attend school. The current number of secondary tuition students stands at 240 students.



We anticipate welcoming 435 elementary students to the Mildred L. Day School on the first day of school. The MLD School staff is set for the start of school and is looking forward to welcoming the students for a fruitful year of learning. The building looks great and the maintenance staff and the teacher's have everything prepared for the arrival of the students. The District will begin the year with several new faces join-

ing the staff. Let me briefly introduce the new members of the Arundel School District:



Lisa Starr joins the staff as a **Middle School Resource Room Teacher**. Ms. Starr is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine, University of Maine, and Simmons College.

Denise Collier will serve as a **Long Term Substitute in the Middle School Life Skills program**. Ms Collier worked as a Ed Tech III in the program last year.

Kerry Georgitis, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and the University of Southern Maine's ETEP program, will be teaching **Middle School Science**.

Jennifer Stanley will teach **Grade 5**. Ms. Stanley is a graduate of Houghton College in New York and the University of Southern Maine's ETEP program.

Angela Hatch, another University of Southern Maine ETEP program graduate with an undergraduate degree from the University of New England, will join the MLD School staff as a **1st Grade teacher**.

Denise LeBlond will serve as an **Ed Tech III** and **Christopher DeVeau**, a USM graduate, will serve as an **Ed Tech II**.

Raymond Houlden will join the Bus Driving corps this year after filling in as a substitute driver at the end of last year.

I hope that all parents and citizens interested in the education of students at the Mildred L. Day School and the numerous high schools attended by our secondary students will take the opportunity to drop by and say hello. I look forward to meeting many of you as I begin service as your Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,
Alton L. Hadley, III

ARUNDEL CENSUS DATA — Ranks 5th as Fastest Growing in York County:

At the end of June, the US Census Bureau released its annual population estimate for Arundel and the other municipalities of York County. According to the Census Bureau, the July 2004 population of Arundel was 3,960 and increase of just under 400 from the April 2000 population. If the population continues to grow at the same rate for the remainder of the decade, the town's population will be approximately 4,600 at the 2010 census. The numerical growth between 2000 and 2010 would potentially exceed the numerical growth between 1990 and 2000. Arundel's growth rate was the fifth fastest of all York County municipalities, behind Waterboro, Berwick, Limerick, and Alfred.





ARUNDEL SCOUT TROOP 330

Busy Summer rolls into Fall!

Wow! What a great summer it's been! Due to the generosity of one of our supporters, we were able to attend a Sea Dogs game in July. This event was special because all of our scouts' families were also invited to attend and enjoy the fun. He also made it possible for one scout to attend a week of summer camp fun.

Following the Sea Dogs game, our troop was invited to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leach's home for a day of fishing. Again this year Mrs. Leach surprised us with donuts, which were a delicious treat. The fishing was equally enjoyable. Several scouts caught substantial size bass!



In order to attend summer camp, it is necessary that we fundraise. This year we worked very hard washing cars, collecting and sorting returnables, selling goodies and antique car parts at Cruise Nights at Shoppers Village. I'm pleased to inform you that our efforts were successful with your help!

With generous financial help from the 19th District Masonic Lodge, Weirs' Motors GMC Truck Division, and Dick Mariano Chrysler, three of our scouts were able to attend camp with all expenses covered. This year, twenty-one of us traveled to Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanston, NH. under the leadership of Ryan Williams and Dylan Gagne, our junior leaders. This was our first experience at Hidden Valley. Our scouts participated in numerous outdoor activities while earning merit badges.



Melanie Emmons, our new scout patrol advisor, treated us to a cherry, blueberry, and apple cobbler...m...m...m pie... good! Next year we hope to attend Camp Bell which will enable our scouts to develop valuable leadership skills and team building.

Your continued support made our summer activities possible. Thank You!

If you know of a young man who enjoys the outdoor life please call Phil at 282-2851.

RADAR TRAILER

Officer Matt Nadeau, YCSO Contract Deputy



In an effort to slow down speeding vehicles in Arundel, the Sheriff's Office has employed the use of a radar trailer. The unit has the capability of reading speeds, recording vehicle information, and compiling statistics of traffic in a specific area. If you are interested in using this tool in your area, please contact me at 207-985-8008, 207-324-1113, or deputysheriff@adelphia.net

SIGN UP NIGHT PLANNED for Arundel CUB SCOUTS

September is here and that means getting back into scouting for a lot of the youth in town. The Cub Scouts have been active this summer earning the Summertime Pack Award. This award is given to packs that have at least 1 activity per month for June, July & August.

In June, the scouts enjoyed a morning of fishing sponsored by the local Masons & the Knights of Columbus. A special Thank You goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Leach for hosting the event. In July, many scouts attended Pine Tree Council's Day Camp held at Camp Nutter in Acton. They participated in events like shooting BB guns, Archery, and learning about nature. All the activities were requirements towards their next badge. Also in July, we had some lucky scouts, along with their parents or family, camp out after a Sea Dogs game--On The Field!! This may become an annual event so we will watch for it next year. In August, We held a family BBQ to reward all our scouts for a job well done on all their advancements.

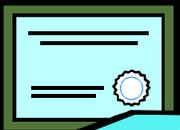


At this time I would like to thank ALL the people who make Cub Scouting for the youth in Arundel possible. Cub Scouting is for kids who are in the first grade or age 7, through age 10 but has not completed 5th grade. If your son is interested in doing these activities and meeting new friends, please give scouting a try. We will be holding a sign up night at the school on Wednesday Sept. 7 from 6:30- 8:00. If you have any questions I can be reached at 282-6488.

Ed Leskowsky, Cubmaster



Town Clerk's Note:



Changes in Fees for Vital Records:

As of September 17th, the fees for certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriages will be increasing to \$10 for the first copy and \$5 for each additional copy of the same record purchased at that time. A new request form will also need to be filed out to document any request.

Marriage license fees will also be increasing to \$30. Requirements for marriage licenses have also changed over the last several years. One of the big changes has been eliminating the need for the three day waiting period.

Registry of Deeds: Recording Fees are also increasing to \$13 for the first page and \$2 for each additional page recorded at the York County Registry of Deeds in Alfred. **Simone Boissonneault, Town Clerk**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT

Monday, Sept. 12, 2005

Arundel Fire Station

Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.



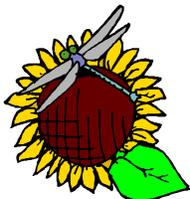
ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to accept the dedication in fee simple absolute, for highway purposes, made by Mr. Guy Roberge, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. section 3025, the location being more particularly described as a sixty foot (60') right of way on a plan titled "Final Subdivision, Guy Roberge", recorded in York County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 302, Page 42, and to establish a town way over said land?

(See Town Manger's article on Page 1 for more information)

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