

The Arrow

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Town Manager's Notes:

By John Fraser

Town Planner

Arundel's new Town Planner, Aaron Shields, will begin work on September 7th. Aaron has spent the last six years as the assistant planner for the Town of Gorham, a community of approximately 15,000 people, or nearly four times the size of Arundel. While in Gorham, Aaron had many of the same responsibilities that he will have while here, including subdivision and site plan review, assisting developers and residents with pending or new applications that will be reviewed by the Planning Board and drafting new ordinances and Land Use Ordinance Amendments. I hope that you will all join me in welcoming Aaron to our community.



Tax Bills

Our property tax bills will once again be sent out around September 1 this year with the first half being due by October 12th and the second half no later than April 12th. Over the past six months, we have been projecting that the mil rate would increase by as much as three quarters of a mil (0.75 mil) due mostly to the large increase in the school budget made necessary by the new Thornton Middle School. Fortunately, due to a greater increase in the value of new construction than we were expecting for this past year (nearly 15 million dollars), the Selectmen were able to keep the increase down to six-tenths of a mil (0.6 mil) or \$60 per one hundred thousand dollars of assessed valuation, when they set this year's tax rate at 11.45



Tax Due Dates:

1st Half Due October 12, 2006
Interest begins October 13th

Superintendent's Report:

As Tuesday, September 5, 2006 rapidly approaches, I await the start of the 2006/2007 school year. I feel somewhat like the "new kid" at school- anxious and excited about what the new school year will bring. This year our middle school students will attend Thornton Academy Middle School as the District begins a new relationship with Thornton Academy. TA has opened a new Middle School to provide excellent educational opportunities for the Arundel students in grades 6,7 and 8. The facility is newly renovated and additional work has been done on the parking lots and the bus drop off area. Most important a new experienced staff has been hired to provide our middle school students a quality curriculum. I believe our students and the community will be proud of the educational experience that they will receive during their years at Thornton Academy Middle School.

With the transition of the middle school to Thornton Academy, the Mildred L. Day School will now operate as a K-5 school. It will continue to provide quality education for the students of Arundel. Much renovation work has been done over the summer to provide an exciting environment for the students to learn. Classrooms for the students have been rearranged to utilize the spaces created by the transition of the middle school students to Thornton Academy MS. Grades 4 and 5 will be housed in rooms vacated on the middle school side of MLD School. During the renovation, lockers have been removed, floor tile installed, some rooms enlarged, and new paint on the walls, generally providing a welcoming learning environment for those students in grades 4 and 5.



I have had an opportunity over the last few weeks to observe many staff members as they ready their classrooms for the new school year. I thank each one of them for the efforts that they put forth to provide the best environment for the students in their classroom. In spite of the hot, humid weather this summer, Norm Boissonneault and his crew have things looking in great shape for the start of school.

The current number of secondary tuition students stands at 240 students. Even though 140 of our grade 6,7, and 8 students will be attending school at the Thornton Academy MS, our secondary students still have the "choice" option available for secondary education.

We anticipate welcoming 254 elementary students to the Mildred L. Day School on the first day of school. The MLD School K-5 staff is set for the start of school and is looking forward to welcoming the students for an exciting 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



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with several new faces joining the staff. Let me briefly introduce the new members of the Arundel School District:

- **Jill Hastings** joins the staff as **Director of Special Services**. Ms. Hastings is a graduate of the New Hampshire with a CAS from the University of Southern Maine.
- **Herb Swett** joins the custodial staff. Herb is from Saco and worked for a time at Southern Maine Medical Center.



- **Georgia Hersey**, a long time bus driver for Kennebunk, will join the Bus Driving corps this year after filling in as a substitute driver at the end of last year.

- **Kristin Woodward** will join the Bus Driving corps this year after also being a long time bus driver for Kennebunk.
- **Bonnie Miller** will join the Bus Driving corps this year also having been a long time bus driver for Kennebunk.
- Not new to the district but with a change in assignment, **Jen Bridges**, Superintendents Office, has taken on additional responsibilities as secretary for Special Services K-12.

I hope that all parents and citizens interested in the education of students at the Mildred L. Day School, Thornton Academy Middle School, and the numerous high schools attended by our secondary students will take the opportunity to drop by and say hello. **Everyone is invited to the Thornton Academy Middle School Opening Celebration on Saturday, September 9, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.**

Sincerely,
Alton L. Hadley, III
Superintendent of Schools
Arundel



Reminder



School will be starting on **September 5, 2006** for many children in Arundel. The majority of the school children start and end their day on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching and leaving the bus, so please remember the following safety tips:

Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.

Be Alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Watch for Flashing Lights!

YELLOW Flashing Lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

RED Flashing Lights and **EXTENDED STOP ARMS** indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must **STOP** their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.



SCHOOL ZONE is **15 miles** per hour when lights are **FLASHING**.

Please Help Keep Our Children Safe!!

Jennifer Bridges
Arundel School Department
Transportation Coordinator



Thornton Academy
Middle School
Opening Celebration
Saturday,
September 9, 2006
10:00 a.m. to noon
Middle School Building

Please join faculty, staff, trustees, alumni board members and members of the community as we commemorate the opening of our Middle Grade Building with a Ribbon Cutting and Open House. Contact Caron Smith Pelletier at 282-3361, ext. 245, or caron.pelletier@trhornton.saco.org for more information.

DISCOUNT PASSES TO FUNTOWN/SPLASHTOWN & WATER COUNTRY available until September 15!!

The Arundel Rec Dept is pleased to save your family money at local amusement parks this summer by offering discount passes! The tickets are good for children and adults 48" tall and up. There are no blackout dates -- they are good any day of the 2006 season! Funtown/Splashtown Combo Day Passes are \$24 each (regular gate price is \$32.00). Water Country Day Passes are \$26 (regular gate price is \$32).





The Arundel Rec Department is pleased to announce a
NEW BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

For ML Day students in grades K-5 starting September

Hours of Operation: Regular school days from 7:00 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. beginning September 5, 2006. You can choose the days you need, and whether your child will join us BEFORE SCHOOL, or AFTER SCHOOL, or BOTH. Children can be dropped off for the Before School Program anytime between 7:00 –8:20 a.m., and may be picked up from the After School Program (by individuals authorized by parents) anytime between 3:00-5:30 p.m. **ML Day School hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 2006-2007 school year.** Students should not be dropped off at school before 8:20 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the Before School Program.

Fees & Registration Information:

Daily Rates: Before School \$4 per child per day. After School \$10 per child per day.

Weekly rate: Before & After School 5 days \$65 per child.

- There will be maximum enrollment capacity depending on space and staffing availability.
- Late fees = \$1 per minutes late for pick-up.
- You will receive a credit for the amount paid if your child does not attend due to illness, etc. If your child does not attend school due to illness, we will be notified by the school. However, if your child is in school on a given day, but will not be attending the After School Program, you must notify us in advance. If notification is received, you will receive a credit for that day.

Registration & payment for attendance beginning the first week of school will be accepted *first come, first serve* until Wednesday, August 30, 2006. (unless the program fills before then). After the school year begins, we will accept new registrations for regular and occasional participation (by Wednesday of the week before) on a rolling basis if there is space available. **For all participants, payments will be due each week on Wednesday for attendance the following week.** We will need the advance notice to secure appropriate staff coverage and plan activities.

Structure of the Program:

In the morning hours **BEFORE SCHOOL**, we will remain in our classroom to play games, play with toys, or do arts & craft activities, etc. Breakfast ***WILL NOT*** be provided, however, children are welcome to bring their own breakfast foods to eat.



In the hours **AFTER SCHOOL**, we will provide a healthy snack & drink and some time for homework before the daily activities are announced. We will provide the opportunity for children to complete their homework, however, we will not force this upon any child. Children will be given the opportunity to decide between an "active" activity and "low-key" activity each day. Active activities will include sports and other physical activities in the gym or outdoors. Low-key activities will include playing cards or board games, arts & crafts, toys (building blocks, Barbie Dolls), etc.



Mission Statement: The mission of the Arundel Rec Before & After School Program is to provide positive recreation and leisure opportunities, homework support, and high quality supervision for ML Day students in the hours before and after school, in a safe, fun and age-appropriate environment. The program will promote positive peer interaction, physical activity and a healthy after-school snack to maintain good health, along with enriching & creative leisure activities and good homework habits.



Staffing: On-site staffing will include our Program Coordinator, Bob Nantel, who has been with us as a Summer Rec Camp Counselor for 4 years, and is a pre-med student at UNE. Other on-site staffing will also include paid staff and volunteers to help carry out our daily activities, which will likely include area college students with an interest in a future career working with children, and local high school student volunteers working on their community service graduation requirement. References will be checked on all staff & volunteers. Background checks will be conducted on all staff/volunteers over age 18. As with all Arundel Rec programs, the Before & After School Program and its staff & volunteers will be supervised by Rec Director Jenn Dumas.

Sign up forms are available at the Town Office or on line at www.arundelmaine.org at the bottom of the main Rec Department page.



Social Service Notes from Wendy Lank

Tel: 985-4201 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

A Grateful “Thank You” to Bentley’s Saloon

Back in May, Jim Harris of Bentley’s contacted me and said that they were going to be holding a motorcycle Poker Run and wanted to know what organizations may be in need of monetary donations. Last year Bentley’s Saloon raised over \$3,000 from a Poker Run to fund our holiday food basket program. I gave Jim a list and they decided to fund Arundel’s Parks and Recreation Program. In July, Bentley’s raised \$1,894 from this event. With this donation we were able to provide two scholarships for the 8 week summer program which included the before and after care for one of those children as well. There is still remaining money available to help other children of families falling on hard times so that they too can attend a Parks and Recreation Program.

Thank you Bentley Warren and employees and patrons of Bentley’s Saloon for being so generous in helping the children in our community.

Summer Workcamp 2006, a great success

In March, I was approached by the Town of Kennebunk about a “Workcamp 2006: a labor of love” program that was to be in York County this summer for two weeks. Workcamp 2006 is an organization comprised of dedicated youth and adult volunteers who come together in order to help serve those who are in need of home repair.



These remarkable teens and sponsors raise their own support money so that all the work done on the residents’ homes at no charge to them. They give up a week of summer vacation and willingly give of their time and talents to help others less fortunate than themselves. The volunteers came from various areas of the country, including Flor-

ida, Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, etc.

I was asked to give them a list of names of individuals in Arundel that are elderly, disabled or others in need. The Workcamp stayed two weeks, housed in the Kennebunk High School Gymnasium. During these two weeks they provided their services for upward of 70 homes. In Arundel they went to seven homes and fixed them up. They did everything from stairs and window to insulation and roofs. Nancy Madore, one of the recipients, stated that “It is still so difficult to express my gratitude for the way these young people have impacted my life, I now have a new roof and weather tight doors and windows. I shall never forget the two weeks that I spent with these delightful examples of faith in action”.

Thanks to this wonderful group of volunteers, these families now have a better home to live in.

Thanksgiving Baskets and Secret Santa



If you find yourself to be in need of help, I will be taking request for Thanksgiving Baskets between October 5th and November 15th. Secret Santa applications should be available sometime around the end of September and due back to me within the first two weeks of October. If you feel you will need some help this holiday season please give me a call and ask to be placed on our lists.

Arundel’s Senior Citizens and Disabled – Well Being Checks for Storms, etc.

If you would like to be placed on a list for a well-being check please call the office at 985-4201 and ask for Wendy. If there are any power outages or emergencies due to the weather someone will give you a call to check on you and to see that you are safe. Please do not hesitate and call today.



Visit the Kennebunk Free Library

and Sign up for Your Free Library Card!



Got a library card? If you’ve been waiting for the right moment, here’s your chance: **September is Library Card Sign-up Month.**

It’s the perfect opportunity to come in, say hello and sign up for your card, free to residents of Arundel. Bring the whole family—libraries have always been places where families can spend time together, and studies show that kids who are read to in the home and who use the library do better in school. Why buy when you can borrow? According to a recent survey from the National Retail Federation, parents will spend over \$17 billion on back-to-school supplies. A library card provides free access to the more than \$1 billion worth of materials - including DVDs, CDs, books, and online resources - bought by public libraries annually Visit the Kennebunk Free Library online at www.kennebunklibrary.org or call us at 985-2173 to see what we’re all about!

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS



The Golden Girls of Arundel have had a busy year so far. Some of our activities included a picnic at Roger's Pond in Kennebunk, a visit to Mrs. Raymond's MLD School class, sharing of trip or other experiences from some of our members, a party at Mr. Bill Johnson's Antique Museum, a very informative talk by EMT Sandra Bergeron on her work with the Arundel Fire-Rescue and we have a Bingo games to play.

Monday August 28th we are going to Roger's Pond for a picnic and auction. Everyone will bring their own lunch and something for the auction.

Most of the time we meet at the Arundel firehouse on Mondays at 10 a.m. and bring our lunch. The first and 3rd Mondays we meet at the Masonic Hall in Kennebunkport for lunch and enjoy Bingo or a speaker at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome.

FMI Please Tel: Elizabeth O'Brien 967-5146



Grrrr....t Summer for Boy Scouts

By Phil Taschereau, Scout Master



WOW!!! It's been a "Great Summer" for the scouts and the adults as well. We had three members of our troop who traveled to Michigan State University for the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing, Michigan. Two weeks later, the troop packed up and traveled to Camp Bell in Gilmanton, New Hampshire for a week of patrol style camping. The camp lived up to its reputation as a patrol style camp for scouts who wanted control of their program, plus a sense of adventure. Each scout was required to demonstrate discipline, leadership and advanced cooking skills in order to complete their program. One evening, we were given a rare piece of roast beef a foot and a half long that had to be roasted in our Dutch Oven Pot for our evening meal. This required the entire patrol's effort in order to eat on time with two staff members joining us for dinner as guest. This meal won the Outcast Patrol the "Cast Iron Chef Award" that was announced at closing ceremonies. The noon meals were prepackaged and handed out in the morning since the scouts were attending their daily programs that included: horsemanship at Bell Farm, soap making at Foxfire, branding and tool making at the Lumberjack camp, black powder rifle, tomahawks and leathercraft at Mountain Man, kayaking, tubing and snorkeling on Manning Lake for their water front activities, and the obstacle course at Challenge Valley. One of the highlights of the week was an evening ice cream social where we invited our neighbors to join us around our campfire. Our campfires were always fun because

we always had plenty of food, songs to sing and skits to perform. Daniel Williams was chosen our "2006 Honor Camper" for the courage he demonstrated while at camp. Daniel overcame a personal challenge in order to demonstrate leadership. Our congratulations to Dan for a job well done.



The troop is also very proud of its sponsors who once again helped us make our goals possible. We were able to pay for everyone's week at camp (\$5,700) this year due to your support. Our fundraising included: selling of old car parts on ebay, selling a motorhome, sorting of bottles and cans, washing cars at McDonald's, selling of food and drinks at Cruisin' 2006 at Shopper's Village, and clean-ups at Shopper's Village and Wal-Mart. The fundraiser that put us over the top was the Fishing Derby held by the 19th District Masonic Lodge (\$3,300.00). The Fishing Derby was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leach and supported by the Masons, Knights of Columbus and our local merchants who support our program. "Special Thanks" to all of you.

We always welcome young men who would like to learn more about Scouting. Please give us a call if you know of a young man who wants an opportunity to experience the "Outdoor Adventure". Please call Phil at 282-2851 for more information. Our troop is sponsored by the Seashore Trolley Museum and meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Our program is a year round program based on two principles: Respect and Responsibility. This could be the program that changes his lifestyle. Thank You!

Cub Scout Pack 330 News

By Donna Buttarazzi, Advancement Chair

I hope everyone had a great summer! Cub Scout Pack 330 had some bad luck with the weather when it came time for our 3 Summertime Pack Award activities. The Car Wash in June went on as planned, but it was a drizzly morning, so the parents and scouts packed up a little early. A big Thank You goes out to all who participated in the car wash! Our picnic at the Maine Wildlife Park in July had to be canceled due to rain, as well as the Mt. Agamenticus hike planned for August! As I am writing this Cubmaster Jay Ferrill is trying to organize an end-of-summer picnic to make up for the canceled activities.

A Committee Meeting was held on August 22nd to plan meetings and activities for the upcoming scouting year. We have a lot of great plans and ideas in store for a fun, activity-packed year!

At the Open House at M.L. Day School on September 5th from 6-7:30 p.m. we will be holding a registration for new scouts, and at the first Pack Meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. we will hold another registration called Race for Scouting. Any boy from 1st – 5th grade is eligible to sign up. FMI contact Cubmaster Jay Ferrill at 283-9226.



In other news, Arundel Cub Scouts will be selling popcorn again this year. This is a major fund-



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Towns of Arundel, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY

Proof of Residency or Property Ownership REQUIRED
(Driver's License or Tax Bill)

DATE: Saturday, October 7, 2006

TIME: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PLACE: Kennebunk Public Works 36 Sea Road

COST: Free of Charge

WHAT TO BRING:

Unneeded household hazardous waste
in sealed containers
(use original containers when possible)

- Oil Based Paints
- Stains, Thinners, & Strippers
- Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Anti-Freeze
- Poisons, Insecticides, Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives
- Cleaners, Spot Removers
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Aerosol Cans
- Pesticides



- Mercury Containing Products (Thermostats, Thermometer)
- Solvents & Varnishes
- Adhesives, Glues, Resins
- Engine Degreaser, Brake Fluid
- Transmission Fluid
- Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
- Dry Cell Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Nicad Batteries



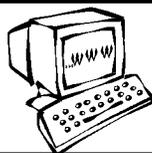
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