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Effective January 1, 2005 New Law Requires Notification of Cancellation of Insurance

A recently enacted Law under Title 29-A § 1601-A requires your insurance company to notify the Secretary of State (Bureau of Motor Vehicles) when insurance coverage is cancelled or terminated along with the vehicle owners name and VIN (vehicle identification number). Once notice is received, the Secretary of State—BMV division **MUST** suspend, within 30 days, the owner's registration certificate and plates for **THAT motor vehicle**. The suspension continues until that **person** provides evidence of insurance to the Secretary of State.



This new law became effective January 1, 2005. Unfortunately, as written, the law will also apply to **ANY insurance cancellation including any change of insurance company**, whether the vehicle was sold, traded, junked or put in storage. BMV has tried to implement several ways to submit evidence of insurance. It can be done On Line through a new website or in person at any BMV Branch Office location. It can also be done by fax or mail. A form can be downloaded at

http://bmv.informe.org/bmv_ivf/forms.php

when a vehicle has been sold, traded, junked or put in storage. The Town Office has downloaded a copy of the form and has them available. Even if you have sold or traded in your old vehicle and transferred your insurance to your new vehicle, **YOU** (not your insurance company) are responsible to fill out this form and **SEND** it in, or the Registration (Plates) will be cancelled and may effect your **NEW** vehicle if you did a registration transfer.

Since 2000, an average of 14 accidents involving uninsured motorists have occurred each day in Maine. On any given day, 5-10% of motorists (that's as many as 90,000) are operating on Maine roads without insurance. In the end, we all end up paying the price for people who violate insurance coverage laws.

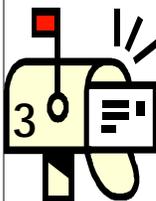
By Simone Boissonneault, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Winter Safety Reminders!

The Arundel Fire-Rescue would like to remind residents of Arundel that with the fairly cold winter we've had that anyone who is using a wood stove to stay warm should think about having their chimney cleaned. In the past, February and March seem to be the busiest months for chimney fires.

We would also like to remind everyone to slow down and take those few extra minutes when driving in winter weather. Another safety tip applies especially to SUV's and vans. Any loose objects not secured in a cargo net, glove box or center console can become a projectile in a vehicle crash or rollover.

If you haven't had the time to put your numbers on your mailbox, PLEASE, take the TIME to do so. When you have an emergency it is very difficult for our responders to see landmarks at night. All dark colors appear to be the same. In a storm with poor visibility, small numbers are hard to see. The ideal is **3" numbers on both sides of the mailbox**, we don't necessarily respond from the same direction that the mailman delivers. For those that live in development with cluster mailboxes, your numbers should be mounted on a pole at the beginning of your driveway.



Several residents have complained recently about the use of sirens and flashing lights in the middle of the night or when traffic seems to be very light. Please keep in mind that Maine State Law requires that when responding to an emergency, lights and sirens **must be used**. It is not optional and it is not the driver's choice. In the event of an accident, the driver of the ambulance, police cruiser or fire engine would be cited if they did not have their lights and sirens operating.

Reminder, you still need a burning permit for an open fire outside even in wintertime. Burning will be allowed during the day as long as there is snow on the ground. All permits may be obtained at Central Station.

Permit hours

M-F 8:00 A.M - 4:30 P.M.
Sat. 9:00A.M – 11:00 A.M.

Norm Boissonneault
Arundel Fire-Rescue Chief



CEO Changes:

It is with regret that we said Good Bye to Jim Webster as he headed to Berwick at the end of 2004. Alan Borg, who had previously worked in Arundel for a short period a few years ago graciously filled in until our new CEO, Jim Nagle, was able to begin in early February. Jim Nagle comes to us from OOB, and will multi function as CEO, Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspector for Arundel. Jim Plamondon will continue to do commercial electrical inspections. Jim Nagle's hours will remain Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is advisable to call ahead at 985-4201 before dropping in, as he may be out doing inspections. Please



Arundel Rec Winter Plans

By Jen Dumas, Rec Director



Winter Greetings from the Recreation Department!! Our winter basketball programs are winding to a close with another fun season for our 4th-6th grade youth boys' and girls' basketball teams, and a great first year for our new 1st-3rd grade pee-wee basketball program. Thanks to all of the time and dedication put in by our coaches Michele Baker-Lands, Dan Nason, Hurley Chadbourne (Girls Youth coaches), Sherri Madore, Kellie & Frank West (Boys Youth coaches), Jim Buttarazzi, Mike Roberts & Bill Belanger (Pee-wee coaches), and all of the parents who helped out with the scoreboard, keeping the books, and supporting the kids!! Kudos to all of you for your contribution to youth sports in Arundel.



Swim Lessons at the YMCA are continuing to gain in popularity. There is another session of swim lessons beginning March 5, running through April 9. Swim lessons run Saturdays noon-1pm at the YMCA for children ages 4-10. The fee is \$36 per child. Registration deadline: March 2.

Our next session of our ever-popular Adult Yoga gets underway on February 14, running through March 28 (skipping Feb 21st). Our yoga classes take place at the SURYA Yoga Studio on the



Route 1 end of Limerick Road under the instruction of Joan Smaldone. Classes are from 7:15-8:45pm and are \$50 for Arundel residents/\$55 for non-residents. Registration deadline is Feb 11 (strictly adhered to). Maximum class size: 12.

There is still space available for our Tuesday and Wednesday February Vacation Trips for grades K-6. Tuesday we are going to Joker's and Happy Wheels (\$20 per child). Wednesday is Smitty's (formerly Chunky's) and Bowlorama in Sanford (\$22 per child). Hours are 8:00am-4:30pm. Registration deadline for these trips is Wednesday, Feb 16.

Planning for our spring and summer programs is underway! Program brochures and registration information will be available in March. We plan to run a spring soccer program again this year. Summer programs will include Summer Rec for grades K-5; Outdoor Adventure for grades 6-8; and some 1-week sports clinics including Soccer through "PLAY SOCCER" (same soccer instructors as last year) and Basketball (looking for volunteers). Other spring and summer programs will include Swim Lessons at the YMCA, Adult Yoga, and Adult Golf lessons.



If you have any input regarding our programs, or would like to see any new programs added, please let us know! Email the Rec Dept at arundelrec@adelphia.net or

Recent Planning Board Activities

By Dan Fleishman, Town Planner



The Planning Board has maintained a rather full agenda during the past several months. The Board currently has before it the largest subdivision in the past 20 years. The 42-lot Bartlett Farm Estates will occupy over 140 acres of land off Old Alfred Road, just west of the Maine Turnpike. Almost two-thirds of the subdivision will be maintained as permanent open space. **A public hearing on the preliminary plan will be held on February 24th.** The Board also has before it an 8-lot subdivision on Irving Road, near Curtis Road. Of the total 58 acres in the subdivision, 39 will remain in open space.

In the fall, the Board approved two subdivisions on the Old Post Road. Gran-

ite Ridge has nine new lots and Juniper Knoll has three.

The second half of the year has seen little for new commercial developments but several applications for revisions of previously approved conditional uses. Green Mountain Transplants received approval for a small expansion and new façade on their building on Alfred Road. MM&J garage was approved for a new use in one of the buildings. Atlantic Financial Services on Portland Road was approved for an expansion and renovation. An expansion of the Hemlock Grove Campground was also approved.

The Board has also received two requests for changes in the zoning map. The Board is currently considering these requests and has not yet made any decision whether to forward them to the Selectmen to be included in a future town meeting



warrant. The first is a request to expand the Route 111 Residential Transition District to the west. This would allow the construction of a medical office on property currently in the Rural Residential District. **A public hearing on this amendment will be held on March 10th.** The second request is an amendment to allow an automobile sales establishment in the Highway Commercial 1 District. The Board does not yet have a specific amendment in front of it but will be considering different options. The Board looks for your opinions at the public hearings. Any change will need town meeting approval.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and the public is always welcome at Board meetings. The agenda is usually posted on the town's website a week before the meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of the Board's agenda by email, contact the Town Planner to be added to the distribution list.



Comprehensive Plan Committee - Survey Results



Last December, the Comprehensive Plan Committee mailed a survey to Arundel's registered voters. The purpose of the survey was to determine, if possible, the specific reason(s) why the Comprehensive Plan was defeated in November by a margin of 52.4% [opposed] to 47.6%.

who did, more supported lot sizes equal to or larger than 2 acres than supported smaller lot sizes.

- There were a number of comments that requested less, not more, town "control"/ regulation of private property.
- Comments concerning commercial development on Route 111 beyond its current area were about evenly split pro and con.

A summary of the survey results follows:

- All areas of town were well represented by the voters who returned surveys.
- 344 [12.4%] of the mailed surveys were returned and tallied.
- 154 [44.8%] of the surveys included one or more comments and most of those surveys had comments that specifically addressed town issues.
- Approximately 57% of the surveys returned were from individuals who voted *against* the Comprehensive Plan.
- Almost 4 out of 5 surveys [78.4%] indicated that the voter had read or reviewed the Comprehensive Plan prior to voting.
- Not quite 1 out of 5 surveys [18.7%] indicated that the voter attended any of the meetings or public hearings associated with the Comprehensive Plan.
- About 1 out of 3 respondents [27.4%] said they voted against the Plan because they felt they did not have enough information.
- Almost 3 out of 5 voters [58.2%] who voted against the Plan indicated they did so because of their opposition to development of a Village Center.
- Questions regarding home occupations, expanding the commercial business area on Route 111, requiring architectural and landscape standards along Route 111, and changing the zoning map to reflect existing lot sizes [New Road and Clearview Estates] all resulted in strong support for the wording in the Comprehensive Plan put before the voters in November 2004.

Conclusion: Based on the results from the survey questions, the committee recognizes that the *major* reason the Comprehensive Plan was defeated was the issue of developing a Village Center.

A summary of comments frequently written on the surveys follows:

- There was strong sentiment for Arundel remaining as "small" and "rural" as it currently is.
- Another common, and similar, theme was a request to leave Arundel "as is".
- A number of voters commented on lot size. Of those

Why do we need a Comprehensive Plan?

- State statute requires that a town's zoning ordinance be consistent with a Comprehensive Plan. If the zoning ordinance is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the town's ability to enforce the zoning ordinance is at risk.
- Our current ordinance **does not** conform to the *current* Comprehensive Plan, which was accepted by the voters in 1992.
- **Therefore, Arundel must either:**
 - adopt a new Comprehensive Plan to allow for a consistent zoning ordinance, or
 - amend the Land Use Ordinance to conform to the *current* Comprehensive Plan. For example, the *current* Comprehensive Plan calls for lot sizes of 2, 3, and 5 acres, so the Land Use Ordinance would need to reflect those lot sizes.

The members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, just like you, are residents of Arundel. [Please note that the Town Planner is only an advisor to the committee, not a voting member.] Just like you, we are interested in what is best for Arundel both now and in the future. As with any large group of people, we may not all agree on what is best at the outset. However, with sufficient input and rational, objective discussion, we can certainly arrive at a consensus and make acceptable decisions.

One of the handicaps this committee has is that it has heard directly from only a handful of people as the "hot button" issues have come forth. Your participation in this recent survey has helped with this problem, but your continued input via e-mail www.arundelmaine.org, standard mail, or your presence at meetings is the only long term solution. Each of us can sit home and complain about the decisions that "they" make. But each of us can also become part of the anonymous "they" and take responsibility for the proposals made for planning Arundel's future.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your increased participation in the process.

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Copies of the full survey results, including all comments, are available at Town Hall.



Troop 330 Arundel

By Phil Taschereau

Well, I'm back in the saddle again and have set a new course for adventure, which means that we are going to have more fun than ever!

The troop has two new junior leaders and a great bunch of guys who really enjoy having fun. Our new Senior Patrol Leader, Ryan Williams, has a good heart and is already running the troop, while Dylan Gagne, our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, wants adventure, excitement and isn't afraid of anything....what a team! We are also very pleased about our quiet scouts who are coming forward showing us leadership skills. This year's **Klondike Derby Race** gave them a chance to do some real team building that brought them all together as a troop. The sled race was held at the Poland Spring Bottling Plant in North Hollis, which made the front page of the Journal Tribune.



Two new scouts are crossing over in March at the Arundel Cubscout Pack's **Blue and Gold Ceremony** that will be celebrated on **March 12th at MLD School**. Please welcome both Jeffrey Colpitts and Daniel Williams to our troop. We have also accepted five new scouts from Pack 318, Sanford, who want to join our program.



Our Spring Cabin Camping Weekend is in the plans again this **April at Camp Hinds** with our friends from Wells. Last year we deep fried two turkeys, pounds of French fries, a kettle of corn and baked homemade cakes, but this year we may make

our own ice cream as well.

The troop has set a course for New Hampshire for a week of summer camp fun at the well know **Griswold Scout Reservation**, where we will stay at the Hidden Valley Camp. Griswold Scout Reservation houses three scout camps within its borders that include beautiful lakes, established forest and several mountains for day hikes as well as thirty different merit badges to choose from for advancement plus good food! We will need to do some serious fundraising again this year to fund our program goals which means doing our car washes, bottle drives and our popular "Meal Deal" at the Cruise Nights at Shopper's Village in Kennebunk again this year. **So! Please save all your bottles and cans** for our guys and look for our scout car wash signs and we will look for you at the Cruise nights.



The troop would like to congratulate one of our former scouts, Nathan Jones, for his recent accomplishment. Nathan graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy this year and will serve on the Kennebunkport Police Department. Family and friends came together and celebrated with him at a party in his honor that was hosted by his parents, Jim and Joanne Jones. Nathan has a bright future ahead of him which doesn't surprise me, he has very worked hard.

We would like to thank all of you for your support, prayers and help. We were able to turn in \$200.00 last year to our food pantry to give back to our community. We are also saddened at the loss of one of our true supporters: Mr. Beach Thurlow who has given us some fine memories to cherish.....Thank You!

If you know of a young man (at least 11 years old) who enjoys the outdoor life and wants to have fun, please give

Girl Scout Cookies are Here!



Arundel Girl Scout Troops 266 & 240 will be at **Wal Mart on March 20th and 26th** from 9 am to 12:30 pm selling **Girl Scout Cookies**. Please come out and support your local Girl Scouts!

We have been busy working on interesting projects. We went to the USM Gorham Campus to do some sports work shops with players from Gorham's Basketball, Cheerleader, Lacrosse and Soccer teams. We then stayed for a game and a "Meet & Greet" with the Basketball players.

We are currently getting ready for our yearly winter **camping trip in Bridgton**. We will have some outdoor fun, try some new activities and learn some winter survival skills.

Our older girls will be helping out at **Girl Scouts Camp Skills Day**. Teaching workshops to the little ones on fire building, knot tying, tent set up, sleeping bag rolling, what to pack and how to pack it, as well as menu planning and all important "sit upon" making.

If you would like more information on Girl Scouting in Arundel, please call the Girl Scout Council at 1-800-660-1072 or Robyn Jones at 985-8996.



February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Planning Board Postponed to 17th due to storm	11	12
13	14 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	15 Village Center Mtg 7 pm FS EMT Training 7pm	16 Comp Plan Rewrite C 7pm FS	17 Planning Board 7 pm FS	18	19
20	21 President's Day Town Hall CLOSED	22 Town Offices CLOSED —Upgrade Appeals Board 7 pm FS	23 Fire-Rescue Monthly Meeting 7 pm FS	24 Planning Board 7 pm FS - Public Hearing Bartlett Farms Subdivision	25	26
27	28 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS					

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20 Girl Scouts Cookie Sale	21	22	23 Fire-Rescue Monthly Mtg 7pm	24 Planning Brd 7 pm FS	25	26 Girl Scout Cookie Sale
27	28 Selectmen's Mtg. 7pm FS	29	30	31		



REMINDER: Snow & Slush should NOT be Deposited in the Roadway



It has come to our attention during the last few snow storms that plow drivers are pushing snow and/or slush from driveways onto the road/street, which is a public way. These deposits are a hazard to motorist, and Town snow plows.

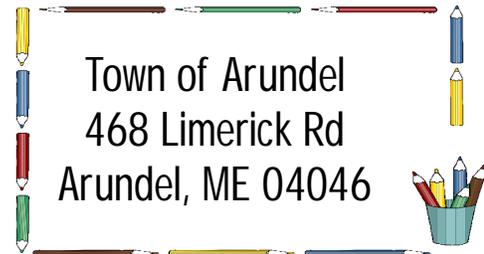
Depositing snow or slush in a public way is against the law, see 29-A MRSA § 2396.

If you are found depositing snow in the roadways, a warning will be issued. If you continue to violate the law, the Town will have no choice but to contact the York County Sheriff's Department for enforcement.



Golden Girls - Spring Meetings

The Golden Girls will resume meetings on Monday, April 5th, at the Fire Station in Arundel at 10:00 a.m. We will make plans for the summer. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information - Please call: Elizabeth O'Brien at 967-5146.



Town of Arundel
468 Limerick Rd
Arundel, ME 04046

Dog Licenses for 2005



All dogs 6 months of age or older MUST be licensed by State Law.

Fees: Spayed /neutered: \$6.00

Capable of producing young: \$10.00

CURRENT Rabies Certificate Required

Neutering/Spaying Cert. for 1st time license

LATE FEE

As of Feb. 1st a \$15.00 Late fee also applies to all renewals. Please renew the license as soon as possible to avoid being placed on the Unlicensed Dog Owners Warrant after April 1st, which adds a \$25 Warrant fee.



Please be a responsible pet owner. Don't let your pet wander & remember proper shelter in cold weather!

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Visit the Town's Website www.arundelmaine.org to keep posted on meetings and events!

Renew your vehicle registration with Rapid Renewal www.SOSonline.org

