

The Arrow

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Annual Town Meeting

The Town Meeting Warrant this year includes a total of 51 articles. The first five articles that you will be asked to vote on at the Annual Meeting will deal with Land Use Ordinance Amendments and an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that was requested by a Town Resident (please see the Planner's article for more information).

Four years ago, when Arundel first began discussing tuitioning our Middle School students to another school system, all of the pamphlets included projections that the mil rate would increase by eight tenths of a mil. Interestingly, the fiscal 2007 budget, which includes the first year's costs for the new middle school looks as though this year's mil rate will increase by approximately 0.75 mills based upon the assessor's best guess at the Town's 2007 valuation and the proposed budget. Although a good portion of the increase is due primarily to the Thornton Middle School Special Education budget, a new position in the Public Works Department (\$41,000) and energy costs (diesel fuel, heating oil, propane and electricity – up \$46,000) have contributed their share.

The last addition to staffing in the Public Works Department was over twelve years ago. Since then, the Town has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of no less than ten more roads, seven more pieces of equipment (trucks, loaders, etc.) and one more school bus. Add to this the potential for an additional ten more developments that are already constructed, received approval, or are presently before the Planning Board and one can see why the mechanic and road crew needs additional help.

For more detailed information on budget increases please see the Town website at www.arundelmaine.org or the annual town report available at the Town Office.

John Fraser, Town Manager

Superintendent's Report



The Arundel School Board at the March 15, 2006 Board meeting adopted a Budget for the 2006-2007 school year. The Budget reflected a 14.2% increase in the gross budget, with a resulting 11.8% increase in the net budget cost to the town of Arundel. As detailed in the last newsletter, this increase is the result of several factors. I will again mention the prime reasons briefly in this article. The rising costs of diesel fuel for our buses, the increase in the cost of heating fuel, and higher energy costs contribute to the increase. The cost of educating the Arundel Middle School students at Thornton Academy Middle School is more costly than here at Mildred L. Day School. We are committed by contract to pay tuition equal to the State average Elementary cost per student. The cost of providing Special Education services to the Middle School is initially very costly and Arundel will foot the full cost since our students are the only students in their program. The Board has made every effort to keep the Budget increase at a reasonable level but there are areas that the Board has little control, such as contracts and health benefits.

Following several positive and productive meetings between the Budget Committee and the Arundel School Board, a final budget has been agreed to for presentation to the voters of Arundel. The final 2006-2007 Budget that will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting on June 14th will reflect a Budget of \$5,872,814. State subsidy of \$2,550,531 and anticipated revenues of \$290,000 will result in a net cost to the Town of \$3,032,283. These figures result in a gross budget increase of 12.4% and a net increase of 8.2% over the 2005-2006 Budget. I look forward to the Community supporting the 2006-2007 Budget at the Town Meeting on behalf of the students of Arundel.

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Planning Board Prepares Proposed Zoning Amendments for 2006 Town Meeting

The warrant for the 2006 Annual Town meeting will contain four articles related to planning and land use issues. Because of how the different articles are related to each other, there is potential for confusion and the following has been written in an attempt to explain the various questions to the voters and explain why they have been written in the manner they were. Copies of all the changes may be accessed from the home page of the Town's web site and at the town office.

Everyone is encouraged to review the amendments before the town meeting.



Maine law requires that a town's zoning ordinance be adopted "consistent with and pursuant to" a comprehensive plan. Since the adoption of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Update last June, the Planning Board has been preparing changes to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance. A set of amendments will be presented as **Article 4** in order to start to bring the ordinance into consistency with the comprehensive plan. Additional amendments will be presented to future town meetings.

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Superintendent's Report (cont. from page 1)

Your Superintendent and School Board have continued to work with Thornton Academy to provide a high quality Middle School program for the Arundel students. The Thornton Academy renovation of the Middle School facility has made great progress over the last two months and is on target for the opening of school in September. Thornton Academy MS has completed staffing the program. Parents and students met recently with TA officials and the new staff at an open house. Officials at the school are now focusing on the Middle School Curriculum. The curriculum will look much like the curriculum currently being offered at the MLD School with the addition of foreign language. We will continue to work closely with the Thornton Academy officials during the summer to assure the highest quality program for our Middle School Students. I am excited about the educational program that our students will have access to beginning in September.

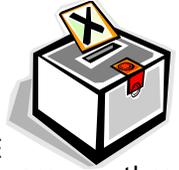
During the Budget process the School Board was very adamant that they wanted to protect the educational program at the Mildred L. Day School. Every effort was made and the Board has maintained the current program or improved it as in the area of Unified Arts where students will have additional opportunities next year. The Board is to be commended on their efforts to not make the transition of the Middle School students to Thornton Academy on the back of the K-5 program at the MLD School.

During the summer the portable classroom buildings will disappear and renovations will be made to the MLD School to enhance the facility for K-5 students. Some classes will be relocated and Special Education programs will have new space. The plan calls for renovated bathrooms as well as a new bathroom in one classroom. It will be exciting to see the new arrangement in the fall.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during my first year in Arundel. I know that the loss of the Middle School to a new location is a concern to many. I believe that the program offered at Thornton Academy MS will be of the highest quality and students will be successful. I look forward to seeing you at the Town Meeting on June 14, 2006, at 7:00 PM, at the MLD School Gymnasium.

Respectfully Submitted
Alton L. Hadley, III
Superintendent of Schools, Arundel

Election Information



In Maine, a registered voter must be enrolled (signed up) in a Party in order to vote a STATE ballot in the State Primaries. At present, there are three parties: Democratic, Green, and Republican parties. If you are Unenrolled (do not belong to a Party, some people say independent) you may enroll at any time, even on election day, but you must remain in that party for a minimum of three (3) months before you can file an application for withdrawal or change in enrollment. However, if you are a Democrat, Green, or Republican you can only vote a ballot for the party you are enrolled in. A fifteen-day waiting period is required to change from one party to another party. The change of enrollment deadline for this June 13th election was May 26th. Title 21-A MRSA covers all of these election laws.

All voters receive a TOWN ballot for the Municipal Elections held on the same date. Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm at the Fire Station on the Limerick Road.

The New National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires identification (ID) and proof of residency to be shown when registering to vote for the first time in any municipality.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following evening, June 14th, at the Mildred L. Day School Gym at 7 p.m. Again, you must be a registered voter in Arundel in order to vote on

Notes from Arundel's Social Services Office

By Wendy Lank, Social Service Director

I don't know about all of you, but I am sure glad that summer officially starts in less than a month. We were all pretty nervous about what this past winter might have cost us to heat our homes and businesses, thank goodness for the mild weather that kept the heating fuel consumption's down.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who made contributions to our social service programs throughout the years. Our holiday programs went wonderfully again this year. Children of families that signed up for Secret Santa received the gifts they requested. With a monetary donation from Bentley Warren of Bentley's Saloon, I was able to purchase gift certificates to Hannaford for families and residents in Arundel who otherwise would not be able to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. With the remainder of the donation and contributions from other generous benefactors we were able to purchase more gift certificates. The Town of Arundel gave these out to the families that signed up for Secret Santa and other residents in the town so that they could purchase food for the Christmas holiday as well.



On June 3rd Bentley's Saloon is holding a "Poker Run". The money that is raised will be donated to the Arundel Social Services to benefit Summer Programs for children in our town. If you would like to sign your child up for one of the programs being offered through the Arundel Rec Summer Program and you have financial hardships please give me a call at 985-4201 to be placed on a list. When funding is received I will notify you to come in to my office and fill out the appropriate forms to see if you qualify. To be eligible you and your child need to be Arundel residents and have a commitment to the program you sign up for.



Planning Board Prepares Proposed Zoning Amendments

As its first priority, the Planning Board has prepared a set of amendments to establish land use districts consistent with the Future Land Use Plan. A new map, with the districts called for in the Future Land Use Plan has been prepared. Amendments to Sections 1 through 4, 6, 8, 9, and 13 have also been prepared.

The change to Section 1 is a minor wording change in the purposes of the ordinance. A large number of changes to the Definitions in Section 2 are proposed. Many of the changes are intended to make the definition more clear, without changing its meaning. There are a number of new words or terms defined, to clarify the meaning of the ordinance. There is a handful of definitions proposed to be deleted because the word or term defined is not used in the ordinance.

The change to Section 3 of the ordinance updates the reference to the Official Land Use Map. Section 4 lists the names of the districts established by the ordinance. Two new districts are added and the names of some of the districts are changed. The existing Aquifer Protection Overlay District is proposed to be removed from the ordinance. Section 6 contains the land use table and dimensional requirements table as well as other district regulations. There are a few provisions that are proposed to be removed from Section 6 and inserted in Sections 8 or 9. Section 13 is a narrative description of the locations of the district boundaries. There are no changes proposed to the boundaries or regulations for the Shoreland Overlay District, Resource Protection District, or any of the Telecommunication Facility Overlay Zones.

All of these changes will be voted on as **Article 4** at town meeting. Because of the way the original documents were formatted, when you look at the proposed amendments on the town's web site, they are presented as four different documents. Make sure you review all four parts. In addition to the ordinance changes, a reduced version of the proposed Official Land Use Map is available on the web site. Finally, a map showing the areas where minimum lot sizes will change or areas changing from residential to commercial districts is on the web site as well.

The Planning Board held a public information session on the proposed amendments on March 23. As a result of comments made at the information session, the Board made some revisions to the proposed amendments. A public hearing was held on April 27.

In addition to these amendments, there will be an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and two alternate amendments to the Official Land Use Map that is part of the Land Use Ordinance. As the result of a request from a property owner, the Comprehensive Plan amendment and Official Land Use Map amendments are being presented to town meeting as follows;

Article 5 is a proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Map in the Comprehensive Plan. This amendment would expand the western boundary of the Limited Business area on Route 111. A copy of the plan amendment and change in the map can be viewed on the town's website. There are two different amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to implement this change in the Comprehensive Plan. If both Articles 4 and 5 are adopted, then the town will vote on Article 6. If Article 4 is NOT adopted, then the town will need to vote on Article 7.

Article 6 is an amendment to the Official Land Use Map to expand the new Limited Business zone in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan amendment that might be adopted in Article 5. This article will be voted on only if the amendments and new map **are** adopted in Article 4. A copy of this ordinance amendment may be viewed on the town's website. The Planning Board held a public hearing on this amendment on May 25.

Article 7 is an amendment to the Official Land Use Map to expand the existing Route 111 Residential

Arundel Rec Programs

ARUNDEL REC OFFERS WIDE VARIETY OF SUMMER PROGRAMS

Contact: Jenn Dumas, Director
Office ph: 286-9241
Email: arundelrec@adelphia.net



The Arundel Rec Dept has a wide variety of programs going on this summer for families and children of all ages. In response to a high demand this year, we have made arrangements to expand our

Summer Rec program to include more children, including the addition of a second bus for field trips and more great camp counselors! Summer Rec is open to children entering grades K-6 in the fall of 2006. **Summer Rec runs from June 26 – August 18th** and there are a number of enrollment options including 8 weeks, 4 weeks or 1 week at a time. There is also an extended care option from 7:30am-5pm. Prices range from \$100 for 1 week to \$475 for the entire 8 weeks of friends, fun, and field trips! Registrations will be accepted until June 9, 2006 or until maximum capacity is reached, whichever occurs first – don't miss out – sign up now!

There is a new program on the horizon for Arundel's **6th-9th graders** which includes trips on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Wednesdays running June 27 through August 17. This group will hit the beach once a week, and there are some great field trips already scheduled including Canobie Lake Park, Water Country, Funtown and the Main Rock Gym to name a few! Registrations are accepted for one trip or the whole summer! Prices vary depending on the location of the trip.



For families, the Arundel Rec Dept is pleased to be able to offer **"Family Night at the Arundel Barn Playhouse"** again this year! Family Night will be Friday, July 21 for a live theater production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The show is recommended for families with children ages 7 and up. A limited number of family 4-packs, which include 2 adult tickets and 2 student tickets for ages 17 and under, are available at \$40 – sign up early. A student can use an adult ticket, but an adult cannot use a student ticket. Registrations will be accepted while supplies last, or until July 7 at the latest.

Also for families, the Arundel Rec Dept is pleased to save your family money at local amusement parks this summer by offering **DISCOUNT PASSES** to Fun-



town/Splashtown and Water Country! The tickets are good for children and adults 48" tall and up. Funtown/Splashtown combo day passes are \$24 each (regular Funtown gate price \$32.00). Water Country day passes are \$26 (regular Water Country gate price \$32.00). Tickets can be purchased at the Arundel Town Hall between 8am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Why pay more at the gate when you can save a bundle in Arundel?



New this year, the Arundel Rec Dept will be offering a **"Madeline & Friends" luncheon** and ticket to see a live **theater production of "Madeline's Rescue"** on Friday, July 21. Recommended for ages 2 and up. Madeline & friends characters will serve lunch and read a book, before you head up to the Children's Theater of Maine for a live afternoon theater performance! Cost \$25 per parent/child pair, \$8 more for each additional child, same family. Transportation not provided. Registration Deadline: Friday, July 7, 2006 or when maximum capacity is reached. Min enrollment: 10. Max enrollment: 20. Sign up early!



Other week-long youth **SPORTS CAMPS** being offered by the Arundel Rec Dept include "Play Soccer" camp taught by the experts, Horseback riding camp, Girls 4th-6th grade basketball clinic, Boys 4th-6th grade basketball clinic, and Pee-Wee co-ed 1st-3rd grade basketball clinic. Find the Rec Dept on the town website at <http://arundelmaine.org> or call 286-9241 for details or to sign up for any program!



Tails for Tots! Is your child between the ages of 2-5 and interested in animals? Join in for this unique opportunity for your child to lead, groom, and ride ponies, and experience hands-on learning about donkeys, baby sheep, baby horses (foals), rabbits etc. under close supervision of a top-notch staff and with parent involvement. This group setting will also offer social interaction for children and their parents. Summer sessions as follows: In June, choose Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am or Saturdays 10-11am. In July, choose Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am or Saturdays 10-11am. In August, choose Fridays 9:30-10:30am or Saturdays 10-11am. Sessions begin the first week of the month and run 4 weeks. Cost: \$45 per child. Minimum enrollment: 3. Maximum enrollment: 6. Registration Deadline: The Wednesday before each new session begins.

If you'd like more information, please contact Jenn



Boy Scouts on the move....

By Phil Taschereau, Scout Master

Wow! Summer is finally here and we still have lots to accomplish before our week at camp. We have already cleaned up at Shoppers' Village and the Biddeford Walmart, washed cars for two weekends, prepared for the start up of Cruisin 2006 season and have sold old car parts on E-Bay. Our week at Camp Bell will cost us \$5600.00 for the troop to attend. Camp Bell offers scouts an opportunity to do the "Patrol Style Method" which requires the scouts to do everything in order to accomplish their course, even do their own cooking. We did manage to go Cabin Camping this spring which is always fun and offers us a chance to go hiking and get us in shape for summer activities. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend a scheduled getaway weekend at our Base Camp due to thunder storms and flash flood warnings. We will be at our other home in June for the Fishing Derby that will be hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Leach. This year the scouts will help the cub scouts of the neighboring towns in baiting and casting their lines in pursuit of the lendendary "Grandpa Bass" . We have three new scouts who have joined our ranks: Brenden Dugal, Greg Hite and Eric Patione. Our older scouts have been busy helping our new Eagle Scouts with their projects: a new Storage Shed for St. Phillips Church, a new Land Bridge for the Kennebunk Land Trust, and 6 Special Craft Tables and 12 Benches for Camp Laughing Loon. We are proud to announce that we have a new trained leader, Mr. Jay Doyle, who will also be attending Camp Bell this summer.



We are the new owners of six slot canoe trailer that is now part of our equipment. Our plans are to add a troop box to the trailer to store our paddles and gear. All we need now is two more canoes for the troop to accomplish its goal. If you no longer need your canoe and would like a tax credit of value, please give us a call. Phil 282-2851.

We would like to thank all of our supporters who help us with our program. Troop 330 offers many opportunities for young men to challenge themselves and learn respect and responsibility for themselves and others while enjoying the great outdoors and fellowship. If you know of a young person who you feel that would enjoy an opportunity to discover what others have about our program.....give us a call. Call Phil at 282-2851.

Tea & Company Makes Pleasant Morning for the Golden Girls



The Golden Girls have had local trips to Mr. Bill Johnson's antique Tea room Museum for a meeting and a very interesting talk by Mr. Johnson telling us about his outside buildings and what he hopes to do with them in the future as well as showing us other antiques and appraising those our members brought with them. We had our lunch sitting on beautiful chairs and drinking out of the china cups as well as three trays of delightful desserts displayed on grand tables. He had several old musical instruments and he and Lee Louis danced to the old songs.

We visited Mrs. Raymond's first grade class at the Mildred Day School where the children performed three skits from their books and each child had made their hats to go with the character they portrayed. Then they read to the Golden Girls individually and served us punch and cookies. We were very impressed with the way the teachers helped the children and how well the children responded.

Our meetings will continue to be held at the firehouse on Mondays at 10 a.m., except for the first and third Mondays when we will go directly to the Kennebunkport Masonic Hall for a short meeting and the luncheon. Guests are welcome FMI Please tel: Elizabeth O'Brien 967-5146

Arundel's Senior Citizens and Disabled



– Your Names & Phone Numbers are needed

Since February of this year we have had two situations in which it would have been nice to have the names, addresses and phone numbers of seniors and/or disabled citizens living in Arundel. In February, due to high winds many residents in town went without power for two to three days. This resulted in many homes being without heat and phone service. Just recently, Arundel had areas of flooding due to heavy rains. If I had the names, addresses and phone numbers of these individuals I would be able to call or visit the individuals to check on their well being. If you would like to be placed on a list here in my office in case such a situation occurs again, please give me, Wendy Lank, a call at 985-4201.

ATTENTION ARUNDEL RESIDENT'S AFFECTED BY THE MAY FLOODING

If your home was affected by water damage from the flooding in May you may be able to receive some help, such as low interest loans, through FEMA. Please call **1-800-621-3362** to request the forms you will need to fill out or go on line to www.fema.gov and click on the link "Apply for Assistance". You only have until **July 24, 2006** to apply so you are urged to do this right away.





Is your number up???

Is your number up? Although street numbers may not seem to be that important, they can be critical in the event of a fire, sudden illness or other emergency. It is difficult for emergency vehicles, utility trucks, postal and delivery trucks to find homes and businesses whose address numbers are not properly posted. Firefighters, emergency vehicles and personnel may need to find your home quickly should an emergency occur.

Can your address be seen from the street while sitting in a vehicle in the middle of the night? After all, that's how an emergency vehicle approaching your residence will be searching for you. Arundel Fire-Rescue often responds to emergencies where the street number is not properly posted. This can cause unnecessary delays for responders and Fire or Rescue apparatus. If you have an emergency and dial 911, wouldn't you like to know that the help you are requesting will be able to locate you quickly? Take the time now, to post your number. Do it this weekend, do it one evening after work, do it on your next day off, but **DO IT!** It only takes a few minutes, and it will save precious time when the next emergency occurs.

Please post your number so it is visible from the road coming from both directions. Remember, responders and apparatus may come from either direction. The number must be a minimum of 4 inches tall clearly visible on the front of the house, or at the end of the driveway on a post or mailbox.



MLD School Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be turning five by October 15, 2006 and you have not yet registered them to attend Kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year, please call Mary Lou Harvey at the school at 284-4677 to make arrangements.

State Primary Election
& Municipal Elections
Tuesday, June 13th
at Arundel Fire Station
8 am to 8 pm

Annual Town Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th
MLD School Gym - 7 p.m.

Town of Arundel
468 Limerick Rd
Arundel, ME 04046



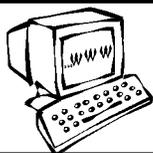
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