

# The Arrow

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## Town Manager's Notes: *by John Fraser*

**Fiscal 2008 Budget notes**-The largest hurdle to overcome in the preparation of this year's budget has been the decrease in revenues that we have seen, and will continue to see for the next few years at least. Excise tax revenue, which remains with the Town, normally shows a yearly increase of increase of 6% - this year we are currently down over 3% which amounts to over \$70,000. State revenue sharing is down \$49,000 and building permit related fees have dropped precipitously from \$79,500 to \$38,200.

The only major increases in the budget this year are due to increased hours for two positions (the Planner went from a three days a week to a five day schedule and the Recreation Director's position has increased to four days per week), the need to purchase a new voting machine for \$6500 because the company no longer supports the model we have and the State no longer prints ballots for that model and increased costs for the E911 program. Previously our 911 calls were answered by the County and our Fire/Rescue calls were forwarded to Kennebunk for dispatch. Last year, the State mandated the closure of all but three 911 call cen-

ters in York County which has resulted in our calls being answered by the State Police in Gray – the end result is an additional expense of \$20,000 for Arundel. All in all, the Town portion of the budget remains more than \$40,000 under the LD 1 cap established by the legislature in 2005

**Changes at the Transfer Station**- the Selectmen have voted to award a contract for the privatizing of our transfer station to Corcoran Environmental Services (CES-operating under the name of JP Faye, Inc.), the same firm that is currently operating Kennebunk's recycling center. Initially, we don't believe that the town will see much of a change, but we expect that their size and company assets will allow for a more efficient operation with, as time goes on, expanded services being available for our residents. Individuals holding Arundel Punch cards will be able to redeem them at the transfer station. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, when CES assumes responsibility for the operation, cash and checks will also be accepted at the transfer station which has been something that many residents have requested over the years. The re-use room will continue to be open and the revised brochure is available on the Town's web-site ([www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org)).



## Town Meeting - Land Use & Comp Plan Articles: *By Aaron Shields, Town Planner*

Over the last 8 months the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee held countless meetings to work on amendments to both the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinance. Those meetings were necessitated by the defeat of last year's article to adopt a new Land Use Ordinance that would be consistent with the adopted 2005 Comprehensive Plan. That defeat was eye opening to many and as a result brought together many individuals with a variety of agendas, but all with one common goal, to create two documents that not only were parallel with one another but that also represented a positive direction to the majority of Arundel's citizens.

Hopefully, the outcome of the Annual Town Meeting will be positive since the process has been so far, and the credit will be due to the many citizens who did participate because this truly was a collaboration. In addition to all the regular meetings held we have held two joint Public Hearings on the amendments that were very useful and showed the positive energy from the people who have been involved and informed. Most recently we received an email from a representative of the Arundel Business Association that express their gratitude and support of the plans.

Below I have highlighted the Articles that are planning related and tried to give a brief and easy explanation as to what they re about and why they are being proposed.

**Article 3: Shall the town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Proposed 2007 Amendment to the Arundel Comprehensive Plan Update 2005"** I believe that this is the most important (as a Planner) Article that you are being asked to vote on. Without the passing of an Amended Comprehensive Plan, all of the amendments to the Land Use Ordinance will not be able to be enacted, it's those amendments that have the most positive impact on Arundel's residential and commercial taxpayers.

**Article 4: Should Article 3 pass, shall the town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "2007 Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance, including the official Land Use Map, to implement the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and amendment"** This is a fairly comprehensive amendment that will address many past issues and bring the ordinance into compliance with the current/amended Comprehensive Plan. You may notice that unless Article 3 is passed this Article would not be voted on.

Article 3 is the Comprehensive Plan that this amended Land Use Ordinance is modeled from, so it is very important that Article 3 is passed, then the new Land Use Ordinance may be passed allowing many important and positive changes to Arundel's future.

**Article 5: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance and the official Land Use Map in order to expand the Mobile Home Park Overlay District"** This is a citizen initiated zoning amendment to expand the Mobile Home Park Overlay District located on Camp Ground Road and, if passed, would allow the landowners to further expand the mobile home park and total number of units allowed in the park.

**Article 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance Section 6.3.A.2"** This is a citizen initiated amendment to the Land Use Ordinance that pertains to the reduction of front setbacks using adjacent structures to determine an acceptable average setback.





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**Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,700 for GIS mapping and programming?** Over the past several years the Planning Office has been working with information and mapping that is outdated and based on a parcel platform that lacks accuracy. The best way to explain these issues is that the maps and studies produced with the ArcGIS program "looked" good but had inaccuracies in lot lines, streams, rivers, wetlands, town lines, ROW's etc. None of which causes problems with the interpretations used for zoning and planning, but they do create problems when citizens want or need information about their property and find out that this data is outdated and inaccurate. In order to fix these issues the base map and base information needs to be updated using current techniques and data collection methods, giving the Town a new base map to work from and data that is much more accurate.

Copies of the proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan are posted on the town's web site. To view or download a copy, go to [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org). If you do not have access to the Internet at home, access can be gained at all of the public libraries in the area. Paper copies are also available at the town office. Also, this fall there will be further proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and possibly the Comprehensive Plan; these are to further enact changes that have been discussed throughout this process and changes that are also necessary to accommodate several important projects that are in the early stages of design. For further information contact Aaron D. Shields, Town Planner at 985-4201 or Email [A.Shields@Roadrunner.com](mailto:A.Shields@Roadrunner.com)

## Notice to Parents of Students in Private or Parochial Schools

The Arundel School Department seeks to ensure that all students within its jurisdiction are identified, located and evaluated who are school age (5 through the school year in which they turn 20) and who are in need of special education and supportive services. Those students may include state wards, state agency clients, students who have been suspended or expelled, students attending private schools within the Town of Arundel, students in home schooling programs, institutional residents, highly mobile students with disabilities, and students with disabilities, and students who are suspected of being disabled and in need of special education and supportive services even though they are advancing from grade to grade. Identification of students with disabilities and programming for such students occurs after an appropriate evaluation and a determination of eligibility is conducted by the Pupil Evaluation Team (PET).

Parents, relatives, physicians, private school educators and other persons who are aware of a child who

## ARUNDEL TEACHERS ARE PART OF PROJECT THAT EARNS A NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

Two Arundel Teachers contributed to a book by Maine educators that has earned a national award. *Look at ME*, a Portland Museum of Art publication, has earned the Award for Excellence in Educator Resources from the Committee on Education for the American Association of Museums.

Mildred L. Day School first grade teacher Cathy Bansmer and visual arts teacher Audrey Grumbling wrote a chapter in the book developed for educators. The local teachers made up one of 11 teams of Maine art educators and primary teachers selected by the Portland Museum of Art to develop units of study linking works of art in the museum with literacy curriculum.

The Arundel Teachers anchored their unit on the painting "Confidences" by Jean Renoir. After developing their unit of study, Ms. Bansmer and Mrs. Grumbling taught their lessons to first and second grade students in Arundel. Original student books and paintings created by 34 Arundel children were displayed at the museum for 6 weeks last year when the book premiered. The children visited the museum to see the exhibition of their work and the original Renoir painting, which they considered "their" painting.



Mrs. Grumbling.

The lessons examined friendship, a topic important to 7-year-olds, through Renoir's painting and James Marshall's classic children's book *George and Martha*. Students considered ways to tell a story both visually and with words. "Connecting reading and writing lessons with the visual arts opens more pathways for students to access content, and more ways for students to succeed," said

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## Thanks for Your Support!

I just wanted to take a minute and thank all of you that donated so generously to the Law Enforcement Torch for Maine Special Olympics.



Almost every law enforcement agency in Southern Maine participates in the event. It's designed to raise community awareness and money for Maine Special Olympics. This money is used to organize events and allows special needs athletes to participate.

The Sheriff's Office has received several donations from area business, individuals, and organized events to raise money. One such event, TIP A COP was held at the Lakeside Market in Waterboro. Several Sheriff's Office employees volunteered their time one Saturday morning to pump gas and wash windows. In a very short period of time we generated over \$400.00 in donations!!!!

This year the run will be held June 6, 2007 around 10:30 a.m. Sheriff's Deputies will receive the torch from Kennebunk Officers, and run it through Arundel handing it off to the Biddeford PD.

Our fund raising campaign will likely run through the end of June. Anyone interested in making a donation or who would like more information on Special Olympics are asked to contact me at 207-985-8008 or [deputysheriff@roadrunner.com](mailto:deputysheriff@roadrunner.com)

Matt Nadeau, Arundel Contract Deputy  
Deputy Sheriff, York County Sheriff's Office



## Arundel Fire & Rescue

Despite our best efforts during the past year to recruit more volunteers it just hasn't happened. We find our department at a crossroads where we can no longer provide the needed emergency services with volunteer help. We have been working with the Selectmen and area towns to come up with a plan that gives the town the most bang for the buck for a paid Per Diem or combination system. This plan, although not completely ironed out at this time, will be brought up at a special town meeting in the very near future.

We need your support to maintain emergency services that you've become accustomed to. The department is down to 17 members and only 5 or 6 EMT's which is far short of the membership needed to offer the response needed when your call goes in to 911. A delayed or no response is just not acceptable in a time of emergency. We hope to have information available at Town Meeting on 6/13/2007 so that we can announce the date of the Special Town Meeting and what the warrant article will say.

**Please don't push this aside your support is needed so that no emergency call gets less than the best response. It could be your**



## ARUNDEL STUDENTS RAISE \$5,840 THROUGH JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Arundel children at the ML Day School raised \$5,840 through the school's inaugural participation in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart program. Health and Physical Education teacher Jonathan Woodcock organized the recent school-wide program for the school's kindergarten through 5th grade students.



Teams of children demonstrated individual and team jumping, as well as double Dutch and tricks. Hula hoops and skip-its were also used for jumping while keeping interest and heart rates lively. Teacher and parent volunteers joined in with jumping and rope turning, encouraging children to take part at their ability levels. Teams of students warmed up to line dancing led by volunteer DJ Lisa Senecal, whose tunes set the pace for the volunteer jumpers.

The 209 participating children jumped rope, practicing a lifelong fitness skill while raising funds for cardiovascular disease research and educational and community programs on heart and cardiovascular health. The event connected to Mr. Woodcock's health and physical education curriculum, in which kindergarten through second graders take part in a jump rope unit and third through fifth graders conduct a personal fitness unit, monitoring individual fitness and setting personal goals. Mr. Woodcock also gained funding to create a climbing wall at the school, and has introduced a snowshoe unit to promote lifelong skills in keeping with Maine's traditions. American Heart Association representative Nici Carbone attended the Jump-a-thon, and raffle winners were announced throughout the morning's event.

Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Jump Rope For Heart teaches elementary school students how exercise benefits the heart and shows students that volunteering can be fun and beneficial to the whole community. They learn how they can make a difference by providing important community service and having a great time at this fun-filled school community event.

## Boy Scouts Plan Busy Summer by Phil Taschereau, Scoutmaster

Well summer is finally here and we are gearing up for our summer season which means that we will be on the water with our canoes getting ready for our Jackman, Maine Canoe Trip in July. Our plans are to canoe down the Moose River into Moosehead Lake and hike up Mount Kineo and then return to our base camp for a total trip of fifty miles. We have a week to enjoy our trip and plan to enjoy the area by swimming, canoeing, hiking and eating whenever possible. We are still looking for 16' to 18' canoes for the troop since we are growing and if you would like to donate your canoe to the scouts, please give us a call at 282-2851.

We have a new patrol of young scouts who we call the "Mini Bears", since they have no fear and want to keep up with the older scouts when it came to portaging canoes. All that I can say is that they look like a centipede when they carry their upside down canoe through the woods. Our trip on the river will require a few portages both going down and coming back which means that we have to develop some muscles.



We have started our fundraising season as well with hopes of saving enough money to do something special next year if at all possible. The price of gas seems to be affecting all of us when it comes to our travel plans. We have scheduled a Gun Safety Course this June with Mr. & Mrs. Mariner, who have agreed to teach a four hour course on personal safety and accident prevention. Our hopes are to educate and hopefully saves lives. Too many accidents happen when someone doesn't know the first thing about safety and how to handle a rifle.

We are planning a HUGE YARD SALE this summer to help us raise money for our summer program, please watch for our signs on Rt. 1 in Arundel. We will be washing cars at McDonalds and will be selling food at Cruise Nights again this summer besides doing our Shoppers Village and Wal Mart Shopping plaza clean ups.

We are very pleased to announce that we just celebrated both Sam Morse's and Derek Pelletier's Eagle Court of Honor at the Masonic Lodge # 76 in Kennebunkport this past Memorial Day Weekend. We were very pleased to have three of our Eagle Scouts march in the Memorial Day Parade in Kennebunkport. The troop is working on many merit badges, one includes the Aviation Merit Badge which is being offered by the Young Eagles Program out of the Biddeford Airport. This is a wonderful experience for our scouts to fly a plane over their home town.....it adds a whole new meaning to "community". Our "Thanks" goes out to Mr. Dave Morrison and all the pilots who give of themselves to make all of this possible.



Three of our older scouts, Colin, James and Thomas, will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow after they complete their ordeals weekends this June. If you know of a young man who enjoys the great outdoors and would like a opportunity to learn more about himself.....Please give us a call at 282-2851 and ask for Phil .

Thank you for all of your support and generosity.



State Special  
Referendum Election  
and  
Municipal Elections  
Tuesday, June 12, 2007  
8:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Arundel Fire Station  
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Annual Town Meeting  
Wednesday, June 13th  
7:00 pm  
Mildred L Day Gym

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Town Offices will  
**CLOSE EARLY**  
Friday, June 29th at 2:00 p.m.  
To allow staff time to finalize all accounts  
for the 2007 Fiscal Year End Closing



**Disaster Recovery for Home Owners, Renters, and Business Owners**

It is important that people impacted by the April storms (the time period declared is 4/15-4/23) register with FEMA **by July 9**, if there is a possibility that you will need assistance. The number you need to call to register for assistance is 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585). The hours are from 8 AM to 8 PM seven days a week or you can apply on line at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

When you register you will need to give FEMA your phone number, Social Security number, a list of

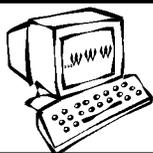


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to keep posted on meetings and events!  
Renew your vehicle registration on line with Rapid Renewal [www.SOOnline.org](http://www.SOOnline.org)

