

# The Arrow

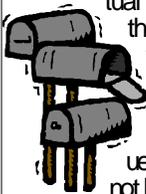
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## Revaluation Update March 2004

The revaluation is progressing very smoothly. Vision installed the software on the Town's computer in January. I have had the opportunity to work with the software and I am very happy with the results.

Call back letters will be mailed to all of the homeowners that did not have an interior inspection done. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Whether you were not home at the time of the initial visit or if it wasn't a convenient time, you will still have one more opportunity to make an appointment. As I was reviewing the data, I noticed there were some taxpayers that gave the information at the door. That is fine but nothing replaces an actual physical inspection, to make sure that the information is accurate. So those taxpayers that gave information will also be mailed a letter for an interior inspection. Once the letters are mailed to taxpayers with the new values, if any questions arise, changes will not be made without an actual inspection.



After the callbacks are completed, qualified appraisers will review all of the information gathered. Letters will be mailed in May or June and you will have an opportunity to make an appointment to discuss the new value. If you have any questions, this will be the time to have them addressed. Corrections can easily be made when brought to our attention. Having issues clarified and addressed before the tax bills are mailed will expedite the entire process.

In every edition of the Arrow since the beginning of the revaluation I have addressed current use assessments. I apologize for being so redundant. I just want to make sure everyone is aware of the options. Land values will be increasing substantially after the revaluation and once the commitment is made and the tax bills are mailed in August, it will be too late to enroll in tree growth, farmland and open space classifications. Again these classifications value property at current use rather than market value. But an application **MUST** be filed by April 1, 2004 in order to be in effect for the next tax bill. Several people have inquired which is great. Current use isn't for everybody but it is a viable option for some.

If you have any questions I can be reached @ 985-4201 or via email [kpante@acelphia.net](mailto:kpante@acelphia.net). This document as well as other information can be accessed on the web, [www.Arundelmaine.org](http://www.Arundelmaine.org).



Kristen M. Plante, Assessor



## Village Center Update

by Dan Fleishman, Town Planner

The Arundel Village Center Planning Committee has been meeting for the past two years to select a proposed location for a village center. Though the Committee had made a preliminary proposal for the location of the village center near River Road and Old Post Road, the Committee has continued to be open to other suggestions. The Committee is now investigating the possibility of locating the village center behind the existing businesses at the intersection of Campground and Portland Roads.

The Committee has had a number of meetings with the property owner and feels that this location may provide a number of benefits over the previously selected location. Though the area of this location is similar to the area of the other location, and both locations have a similar amount of wetlands, the wetlands on this parcel are more compact, resulting in more useable land available for development. This location is closer to the center of Arundel and not so close to Kennebunk's expanding commercial area. Selection of this location would mean working with only one property owner, rather than six.

The Committee held a public forum about the alternate location on March 16th. About 20 citizens attended. Most of the comments that were received appeared to favor the Campground site. We have posted the notes from that forum on the town's website as well as a drawing of the preliminary concept diagram. The committee's next meeting will be on April 20th at 7:00 pm.

## Nomination Papers for Municipal Elections—June 8, 2004

### Positions available

Selectmen (2) for 3 year terms

School Board (1) for a 3 year term and (1) for a 2 year term

Budget Committee (2) for 3 year terms, (2) for 2 year term and (1) for 1 year term

Charter Committee (2) for 3 years, (2) for 2 years and (1) for 1 year term

Nomination papers will be available on March 25th. And must be returned by April 23rd by 4:30 p.m. A minimum of 25 signatures by registered Arundel voters is required to qualify to be placed on the June ballot. FMI contact Simone at 985-4201



## Proof of Residency Requirements

When we ask new residents to Arundel for proof of residency, we are not trying to make things difficult, but recent changes in Election Laws as well as residency requirements for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses (Hunting & Fishing) and Motor Vehicle Registrations require that we see proof of identification and residency for first time applications on any of these items.



Identification for voter registration may be a driver's license or state identification card. Proof of Residency for those who have a Post Office box include a rent receipt, a utility bill with the residence location, a government check, etc. with the person's name and a physical location.

If you need to update your mailing address on your driver's license you can do it **ONLINE** at the State of Maine website <http://www.state.me.us>



### HONESTY IS BEST POLICY

Virtually all children will, at some point, experiment with not telling the truth. For parents and school personnel alike, the trick is making sure that children do not become habitual "truth stretchers". Here are some helpful tips when dealing with children:



**Don't invite lies.** If you already know that your child has done something wrong, confront them and discuss it with them. Don't ask your child, for example, if his or her room is clean when you know that it isn't. By engaging in this sort of behavior, you, as the adult, are trying to catch the child lying. Instead of asking if the room is clean when you know it isn't, a better approach would be to say "I know your room isn't clean, so you need to take care of it".

**Be alert.** Notice the situations when your child is not honest. Is it in group situations where he or she may be looking for attention? Is it when something has been broken or lost? Is it related to school-work or sports? Is it linked to relationships with classmates, teammates, siblings or friends? Determining the reason and in what situations a child is not honest is the first step in finding the best solution.

**Staying out of trouble.** One major reason children do not tell the truth is to keep from getting into trouble. Make sure your child understands that everyone makes mistakes and that everyone sometimes gets into difficulty for their behavior or actions, but that the consequences are always worse if they lie. It may be difficult to admit the mistake, but

recognizing a wrong choice is necessary before being able to make the correct choice.

**Little "white lies".** Almost everyone tells a "little white lie" from time to time to keep from hurting the feelings of others. It is important that you explain the difference to children so they understand the difference between "little white lies" and real lies.

**Know your child's friends.** Children often adopt the behaviors of their friends, and at school, children are often making new friends. If your child plays with children who tend to break the rules, make sure that your child knows there will be consequences for their behavior if they break the rules.

**Reward honesty.** It takes a mature child, or adult, to admit when he or she has done something wrong. While you may be angry at a specific behavior, make sure that your child knows that they did the right thing by being honest and telling you. Consequences should not be eliminated for poor choices, but having the honesty to bring it to an adult's attention should warrant some consideration when determining consequences.

**Call for help.** In some cases, you may want to seek professional help for your child. Lying can be linked to childhood depression and is common among children who have few friends and low self esteem. It may also signal deeper troubles if it is combined with cruelty to peers, siblings or animals, hyperactivity, sleep problems or destructive behavior (breaking things or lighting fires).

**A final word.** Don't label your child as "a liar" - it has the sound of a permanent personality flaw and your child will greatly resent the label. Discuss the need for honesty with your child and remember that the best way to teach honesty is to be honest yourself. Tom Parker, Principal MLD School



### Spring Bulbs Are Coming!

The Arundel PTA is sponsoring a FLOWER BULB & PLANT SALE to benefit the MLD Playground Fund. Students K-8 will be participating to raise funds to improve safety and purchase new equipment for the school playground. The bulbs and plants are 100% guaranteed to grow this season. How can you go wrong? They also make wonderful presents and will add extra beauty to any yard!

Students have catalogues listing the products available along with the order forms. All orders must be paid in advance. Checks should be made payable to the Arundel PTA. All orders should be received at MLD by the end of April.

The PTA would like to thank everyone in advance for their help. Your support is the key to our success. If have not yet been contacted and would like to order, please call Pam at 985-8689.



## MLD HONOR ROLL

## 2ND QUARTER



Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Abaroa, Joanna	Buttarazzi, Colin	Abaroa, Sariah	Beaulieu, Amie	Asselin, Amanda
Benson, Scott	Couture, Lauren	Acquaviva, Brianna	Breton, David	Beaugard, Lauren
Demers, Jasmin	Demers, Lee	Cote, Gavin	Gaudette, Rubie	Brochu, Katie
Fedder, Bryce	Harrison, Stephanie	Douston, Garth	Gauvin, Michelle	Buttarazzi, Samantha
Gott, Angelinna	Hill, Shelby	Giard, Sarah	Guarino, Cassidy	Dumas, Jeremy
Goulden, Tyler	Izbicki, Adrian	Gillespie, Christopher	Monk, Katelynn	Hans, Dawn
Holbrook, Douglas	Keller, Kaleigh	Hayes, Casey	Mowery, Megan	Laflamme, Chelsea
Laflamme, Kimberly	Lovely, Paige	Hill, Kason	Munroe, Garrett	Laroche, Stephanie
Letellier, Shayleen	Moody, Taylor	Hunnewell, Hannah	Petrin, Sarah	Laverriere, Chelsea
Madore, Anna	Munroe, Ethan	Lank, Jared	Philbrick, Hilary	Lessard, Nerrissa
Martemucci, Alexandra	Palacios, Alexander	Leskowsky, Tyler	Raymond, Kylie	Lunt, Melanie
Morgan, Audrey	Raymond, Blaire	Martemucci, Samantha	Richardson, Morgan	Martemucci, Amanda
Mowery, Ryan	Raymond, Brooke	Martin, Nicholas	Smith, Tyler	Parker, Ashley
Nault, Joshua	Read, Helen	Palacios, Nickolas	Tito, Sarah	Petrin, Alicia
Nezol, Brandon	Richardson, Erica	Parker, Trevor	VanSickle, Annie	Renell, Melanie
Pelletier, Elizabeth	Sarcione, Anthony	Parker, Tyler	Weiss, Marlina	Senecal, Haley
Philbrick, Kristen	Shook, Christopher	Richard, Alanna	White, Colin	Souza, Alex
Radley, Robert	Tanguay, Daniel	Roy, Matthew		Stevens, Michael
Raymond, Nicholas	Titus, Lauren	Stinson, Ryan		Thayer, James
Read, Anne		Strassler, Sarah		Thyng, Shawn
Saunders, Alana		Sylvain, Benjamin		Titus, Erica
Sumpster, Maria		Woodcock, Steven		Worthing, Abigail
Trottier, Santana				
Wessels, Hannah				
Worthing, Amelia		High Honors in BOLD		



## ATTENTION: ALL TAXPAYERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

### ASSESSORS' NOTICE - April 1st Deadlines

Property in Maine is assessed every year as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Under State Law, April 1<sup>st</sup> is the filing deadline for many exemptions and property classifications. The Arundel Board of Assessors reminds people to make sure that they file the necessary application or reports that apply to their property by this April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**ESTATES DISTRIBUTED:** Any change of ownership in the estate(s) of persons **deceased** needs to be reported by April 1st.

**TAXPAYER LIST:** All taxpayers should file a taxpayer list. A **taxpayer's list** is a list of the property (properties) you own in Arundel. Filing a list is particularly important for **business owners** who are taxed for personal property they own and use in running their business. This type of property is frequently removed and/or replaced. **Property owners** can make sure that they are only taxed for what they own by compiling a list of property and submitting it to the **Arundel Assessors by April 1, 2004**.

**VETERAN'S EXEMPTION:** If you already receive an exemption on your property because you are a veteran or the unmarried widow (widower) of a veteran, you do not have to file an application each year. If you are a veteran or veteran's widow and are not receiving the veteran's exemption, you may qualify. Applications are available at the Town Office. The basic requirements of the exemption are:

- § You must be a property owner and resident of Arundel.
- § You must be at least 62 years old by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- § You must have served in the U. S. Armed Forces during a federally recognized war period.
- § If you are a 100% **disabled veteran**, who resides and owns property in Arundel, you may qualify for the veteran's exemption with out meeting the age requirement.



**BLIND EXEMPTION:** If you are a property owner and resident of Arundel and have been deemed **legally blind**, you may qualify for exemption. Applications are available at the Town Office.

**Current Use Classifications (Tree Growth, Farm & Open Space):** Current use classification allows property to be taxed at less than its fair market value. It also requires strict adherence to program rules and penalties are assessed for changes in use and failure to maintain a current application. If you have either bought or sold Current Use property and have not filed a new application, you may be subject to penalties. If you have Tree Growth property and have not filed evidence of a current management plan, you are subject to a \$100 penalty. If your plan is 10 years old you must have a Licensed Professional Forester inspect your property and certify that the land has been prudently managed according to the plan. The Forester must sign the schedule and provide the date that the parcel was inspected. If you have classified farmland, you must file a Farm Income Report every five years.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:** If you have owned a home in Maine that has been your permanent place of residence for the twelve months between April 1, 2003 and April 1, 2004 and you own a home in Arundel that is your legal residence on April 1, 2004 and you have not claimed a Homestead Exemption anywhere else, you should pick up a Homestead Application at the Arundel Town Office. There are no income requirements. You do not have to file an application each year if you already receive this exemption.

## Reminder!!!



In December letters were mailed to those owners who are currently enrolled in **Tree growth, Farm & Open Space**.

Participants in these programs need to file an updated application by April 1<sup>st</sup> to remain in the current use program for the upcoming year. If an updated application is not received by April 1st, the parcel will be removed and a penalty will be assessed. Please contact the Assessor's office if you have any questions. If you need additional time in order to file the application please call Kristen Plante @ 985-4201.



## Recycling Update

The new mixed load containers at the Arundel Transfer Station has increased the number of items that the town can recycle. Residents appear to be taking advantage of this as the amount in tonnage that we are recycling is increasing as well!

We need your help now to make it even better and more cost effective! The paper and cardboard loads are pretty well compacted since we were already used to breaking down our cardboard boxes.

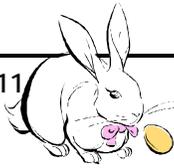
The mixed loads of plastics, cans and glass, however, are not being compacted as densely and although the container appears full when hauled, the load is very light weight. With your help we can save on additional hauling costs. Compacting or crushing plastics and cans would allow more to be carried in each container. Plastics such as milk bottles, detergent bottles, etc. can be stepped on and crushed. If possible, metal cans that can be opened on both ends and flattened. Just think you could probably save on space as well as helping us to run more efficiently. **Thank You for your help!**



# March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	9 Firefighter Training 7 pm	10 School Board Mtg 7 pm MLD	11 Planning Bd 7 pm FS	12	13
14	15	16 Village Ctr Planning 7 FS EMT 7 FS	17 Comp Plan Rewrite 7pm FS Budget 7 pm FS	18 Informational Mtg Tree Growth Open Space 7 pm	19	20 
21	22 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	23	24 Fire-Rescue Mtg 7 pm FS Budget 7 MLD	25 Planning Bd 7 pm FS	26	27
28	29	30	31 Budget Brd 7 pm FS			

# April 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Reminder</u> <u>APRIL 1st</u>	<u>LAST DAY</u> TREE GROWTH	<u>TO FILE</u> OPEN SPACE & FARM FORMS	1 	2	3
4	5	6	7 Budget Board 7 pm FS	8 Planning Bd 7 pm FS	9	10
11 	12 Selectmen 7 pm FS	13 Firefighter Training 7pm	14 School Brd 7pmMLD Budget 7 FS	15	16	17
18	19 Patriot's Day Town Hall Closed	20 Village Ctr Planning 7 FS EMT's 7 FS	21 Comp Plan Rewrite 7 FS Budget 7 FS	22 Planning Bd 7 pm FS	23	24 
25	26 Selectmen Mtg 7 pm FS	27	28 Fire-Rescue Mtg 7 pm FS	29	30	



## BOYSCOUT TROOP 330

Wow! Winter as we know it just didn't happen this year, which really proved to be a challenge for our Scouts at the Klondike Derby Race that was held in Berwick. Our three entries in the junior division this year: the Blacks Knights, the Snow Dogs, and the Gold Miners competed against all of York County's finest racers. The course was very demanding due to the lack of snow, which required the scouts to drag their gear-laden sleds over bare ground for miles of physical endurance. This surely won't be the first or the last race that was completed without adequate snow cover for our scouts. The results are still coming in with one of our teams, The Black Knights, pulling the title of "Best Sled Jr. Division" for York County.

We are growing!!! In a Special Blue and Gold Crossover Ceremony held by Pack 330 on March 6th, five new scouts received their "Arrow of Light Award" which is the highest award given to a cubscout. Please welcome: Alec Blanchard, Colin Buttarazzi, Tony Sarcione, Ethan Gross and James Maloney-Hawkins. We are very proud of these fine young men who will now join our team of adventurers. A "Special Thanks" to Cub master Ed Leskowsky, and Webelos Den #2 Leaders: Jim and Donna Buttarazzi for a Great Job!!! We also welcomed Thomas Young and his family, Larry & Heidi into our

troop during a Special Crossover Ceremony held in Berwick, where Thomas crossed over and received his "Arrow of Light Award". We also welcome Donovan Stewart and his family, Sue Stewart and Jay Doyle, to our outdoor program. Donovan wishes to challenge himself in our scouting program. We were very pleased to recruit a fine young man who has helped the troop in the past with fundraisers. Also welcoming Evan Colmer and his family, Jeffrey and Kristy to our troop. Wow! That's eight new scouts who wish to see what the Maine outdoors has to offer....."Thank You" Pack 330 and all of its fine leaders.

We held a returnable workshop at MM&J Garage on March 3rd for our scouts to help raise needed money for our program and their week at camp. We would like to thank all of you who have dropped off returnable bottles and cans at MM&J Garage. Our trailer there was filled beyond imagination which kept our scouts busy sorting till late that night. We will be having a door to door pick up on **March 20th** so please save your returnables and keep an eye open for us. If you have a load of returnables that needs to be picked up to free up space, please give us a call: Richard Sylvain 283-4705 or e-mail [rmsylvain@lamere.net](mailto:rmsylvain@lamere.net) or Phil T. 282-2851 or e-mail [ptasch@gwi.net](mailto:ptasch@gwi.net) Thank You!!!

The troop will be voting for its new junior leaders for 2004 with an election to be held on March 10th, this involves all troop positions as well. Voting will also include new members to

be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, which is the National Honor Society of Scouting. We will then hold a special court of honor for the newly elected leaders at an evening ceremony and cookout.



Our new Scouting Committee met in March to finalize a new systems approach to advancements, financial accountability and communication to all members of our scout troop, which was long overdue as a result of our growing size. Our increasing enrollment of scouts has also been a blessing with the addition of good caring adults who share our values on respect, responsibility and our enthusiasm for the great outdoors. Some of our reporting forms have already been shared with our council executive to be incorporated district wide.....Good Job Guys!!!

We are preparing for our "Spring Getaway" April 23rd once again at Camp Hinds where we will enjoy cabin camping. On this trip we will be deep-frying a turkey for our Saturday evening feast. This will be the start of our camping program where we will be training for our summer treks on the Appalachian Mountain Trail (AMT). We started training on the AMT last year to help the troop prepare for our hiking trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. It's the best training that the troop has ever done that required so much energy but offered so many personal rewards.

On behalf of Troop 330 ...Thank You!!!

## PERC = Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict

Have you ever wished there was a program where parents could learn to:

- Understand adolescence
- Listen effectively
- Use tools effectively
- Handle drug & sexual issues
- Set parenting goals

PERC helps parents end hassles and find workable solutions for parents and teens. Attend six two hour sessions of information, skill building and sharing.

For more information on upcoming sessions call Pat Tracy at 284-4677 or Dolly Court-Petrin. There is no charge... there is an optional donation of \$15 per family. This program is offered as a community service and sponsored by the Arundel PTA.



## Cub Scout Pack 330 News by Donna Buttarazzi

Cub Scout Pack 330 enjoyed the warm sun on Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup> with a fun family day of snow tubing at Seacoast Fun Park in North Windham. On Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> the Pack will hold its annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This year's Webelos II scouts earned their Arrow of Light awards, the highest award in Cub Scouting, and crossed over into Boy Scouts. The Webelos II scouts who crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 330 are Alec Blanchard, Colin Buttarazzi, Ethan Gross, James Maloney-Hawkins, and Tony Sarcione.

The pack would like to congratulate these boys and wish them luck on their continued journey in scouting.



## GOLDEN GIRLS PLAN SUMMER EVENTS



The Golden Girls will resume meetings on Monday, April 5th at the Firehouse in Arundel at 10:00 A.M. We will make plans for the summer. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more Information Please Tel: Elizabeth O'Brien at 967-5146



## Are you taking advantage of the Homestead Exemption?



The Homestead exemption is a property tax relief program funded by the State. It is a means of reducing your tax burden. If you qualify you will see the reduction in taxable value on your next bill, which will be mailed in August. The application is only one page with very basic information. It would take less than 5 minutes to complete. Last year the exemption amount was approximately \$30.00 to \$85.00. This was directly taken off your tax bill just by completing the application. Also, it is a one-time application, which stays in effect as long as the State funds the program and as long as you reside in your property.

**The deadline to apply is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.**

**The homestead exemption is not based on your income, it is available to ALL residents that have owned their property for the last 12 months.**

If you have any questions about the exemption or if you just want to check to see if you are already receiving the exemption, don't hesitate to call me @ 985-4201. Kristen Plante, Assessor

## REMINDER

FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE  
TO ARUNDEL PROPERTY OWNERS



All structures that are placed on any property in the Town of Arundel require a building permit. Portable garages, sheds and swimming pools, both in ground and above ground, are considered structures. All structures must also meet the property line setback distance requirements for the zone that the property is in. Fences are an exception and do not require permits. If you are unsure about the need for a permit for any project you are planning please call this office Monday - Thursday between 8:00 and 4:30 at 985-4201 and ask for Jim Webster, CEO.

### Tax Reminder

The 2nd Half of the 2004  
Real Estate & Personal Property  
Taxes are due on Tuesday, April 13th  
Interest on any unpaid balances  
begins on Wednesday, April 14th



Please feel free to call 985-4201 if you need balance information.

### Kindergarten Screening



May 5th  
and 6th

Interested individuals should call Mary Lou at 284-4677 at the MLD School to make an appointment.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Arundel Street Design and Construction Ordinance on Thursday, April 2, starting at 7:00. A copy of the proposed amendments can be viewed and downloaded from the bottom of the page at [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org).



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Visit the Town's New Website [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org)

Keep posted on meetings and events!

