

The Arrow

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Charter Amendment - November 8th Municipal Referendum Election

The Charter Review Committee met from January thru April 2005 at the request of the Board of Selectmen. During 2005, the entire Charter was edited to correct various spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors, as well as to simplify or clarify wording and provide consistency throughout. Some additions (Board of Assessment Review and Assessor), deletions (standing Charter Review Committee), and other changes (Town Clerk appointment) adopted in November 2004, required some sections to be reordered and/or renumbered.

In addition, some substantive amendments are proposed and listed on the **SAMPLE BALLOT on PAGE 3**. Please take a moment to review these amendments prior to voting on November 8. If you have questions or would like to compare the original document with the changes indicated, copies and information are available at Town Hall and on the town's web site at www.arundelmaine.org



The Charter Review Committee worked for many hours to thoroughly review and edit the entire Charter and held two public hearings to answer questions and receive suggestions. The Committee feels that the changes are in the best interests of Arundel and efficient local government. We appreciate your participation and anticipate your support of these Charter Amendments.

The Arundel Charter Committee



Special Town Meeting November 14, 2005 Arundel Central Fire Station 7 p.m.

Prior to the regular Selectmen's Meeting on the 14th of November, there will be a Special Town Meeting to vote on an article requested by a business owner on Route One. The articles that will be considered are listed below:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to amend Section 6.2 (District Regulations) of the Arundel Land Use Ordinance?

The amendment would remove the footnotes A and B from the land use table in section 6.2 thereby allowing all permitted uses in these Highway Commercial 2 and 3 districts to be located on a 1 acre lot.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The 2005/2006 school year is off to a smooth start. The fall season has come to an end and new activities will soon be starting up at the MLD School. One question that I am constantly asked is the status of the transition to the Thornton Academy Middle School next fall. With that question in mind, the Arundel School Board will be hosting a **Special School Board Meeting on November 16, 2005 at the Mildred L. Day School at 7:00 P.M.** The one item Agenda will be **Transition to the Thornton Academy Middle School.** Carl Stasio, Headmaster at Thornton Academy, will be in attendance at this Special Meeting to update the Arundel Board on the progress of the new program, facilities, and to respond to questions that the Board may have. The public is invited. This is a School Board meeting and public input will be limited out of necessity due to time constraints. However, if you have specific questions or concerns please contact me or send them in writing before the 16th and I will make every effort to see that your question is responded to by TA officials.

The School Board has been working overtime recently. A recent workshop was devoted to establishing Board Goals for the 2005-2006 school year. The Board will officially adopt three primary goals at its regular November Meeting (November 9, 2005). Those goals are: (1) To guide and monitor the Transition to the Thornton Academy Middle School; (2) To continue review and revision of the Policy Manual with special attention to the new Middle School arrangement; (3) To support the MLD School administration and staff in meeting the stated goals for 2005-2006 with extra attention on how the transition of the Middle School will impact the K-5 program.

The Board will also have a **Special Meeting on the 2nd of November** to be informed and discuss the reduction in staffing that will occur as a result of the Middle School population transitioning to TA in the fall of 2006.

As progress is made toward changing the MLD School, I will make every effort to keep parents and public aware. The *Arrow* is an appropriate vehicle to report as well as the PTA newsletter. Please check those sources for important meetings; what decisions are being considered; or have been made. The transition progress will also be an agenda item on most School Board Agendas.

Sincerely,
Alton L. Hadley, III



Community Police Notes: by YCSO Dept. Matt Nadeau

NEW LAW UPDATE SESSION



At our last Safety Committee meeting it was decided that the committee would host a New Law Update workshop/meeting.. This class is designed to inform the citizens of Arundel of new laws passed for 2006 by our legislature. **The session will be held at the Arundel Fire Station on November 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM.** Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Officer Matt Nadeau along with Chief Deputy Maurice Ouellette will be on hand.

PHONE NUMBER TO SUB STATION

If you attempt to contact me at 985-8008 you will most likely be directed to my voice mail. If the item you are calling about is time sensitive please call York County Communications at 283-3887 or **911** in an EMERGENCY. If you prefer to have me handle the issue my next scheduled work day please leave your name and number and a brief message. I check my mail at least once a shift and will return your call.



THEFT FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES

I have noticed a slight increase of burglaries to construction sites in the area. The thieves are taking tools, and construction materials. If you are planning a project that will leave you vulnerable to such a crime please contact me and I will advise all our units to check the site while on patrol.

VACANT PROPERTY



Well another summer season has come to an end. That means some of us will be leav-

ing town for winter homes or much needed vacations. If your house or business will be vacant for any period of time and you'd like the Sheriff's Office to check on it from time to time while on routine patrol, please let us know. We'll need to know the dates the property will be vacant, a contact number you can be reached at while away, and any vehicles or visitors that have your permission to be there in your absence.

If you're interested in taking advantage of this service please call me at the office at 985-8008, dispatch at 324-1046, or email me at: deputysheriff@adelphia.net.



**Town of Arundel
Referendum Election
November 8, 2005**

Sample Ballot

Place a cross (X) or a check (/) in the square of your choice. Completing the YES square means you are in favor, completing the NO means you are opposed. If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

Question 1: Charter Amendment

Shall the Town vote to approve the following Charter Amendments?

YES NO

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- **Preamble** rewritten to include past amendments to the Charter.
- Sec. 2.2 **Nomination procedure:** correct required number of signature to reflect Statute [change maximum required from 75 to 100 signatures – minimum remains 25]
- Sec. 2.6 & Sec. 14.4 **Forfeiture of office:** wording has been added to allow for forfeiture of office for such things as failure to attend meetings or failure to participate in the functioning of a board or committee to which a person has been elected (Sec. 2.6) or appointed (Sec. 14.4)
- Sec. 4.1 **Eligibility of Selectmen:** language has been changed to reflect changes to the Charter approved 11/04.
- Sec. 4.5 **General Powers & Duties of Selectmen:** Last sentence clarified “The principal function of the Board is (delete: to administer the wishes of the voters of the town) change to: to establish and execute goals, policies, and strategies for the best interests of the Town.
- Sec. 4.6 **Meeting Procedure:** specifies that special meetings may be called by the Chairman, reflects the type of vote taken, and establishes a minimum number of Board members needed for a binding vote.
- Sec. 6.2 **Powers & Duties of Town Manager:**
 - (f) specifies that the Town’s Personnel Policy must be adhered to when removing appointed/hired individuals
 - (h) increases the amount of money for purchases not requiring competitive bids from \$1500 to \$5000 (Proportional to the increase in the Town’s budget since 1989)
 - (i) deletes “except when removal of the Town Manager is being considered.”
 - (m) language change to be more specific “act as a resource, insofar as possible, for residents and taxpayers who have problems or concerns regarding community/municipal issues”
- Sec. 6.3 **Absence of the Town Manager:** removes responsibility from Town Manager for designating a replacement in the event of an extended absence and places that responsibility solely with the Board.
- Sec. 7.4 **Town Clerk Compensation:** deletes “and all fees and charges as specified by Statute and by ordinance of this Town shall accrue to the Town”
- Sec. 7.5.2 **Town Clerk General:** specifies that the Deputy and/or Assistant will be appointed by the Town Manager
- Sec. 8.0 **Assessor:** establishes qualifications, duties, and compensation for the position approved 11/04
- Sec. 9.0 **Appointed Officers:** clarifies that elected Town Officials cannot be appointed to certain positions
- **Establishes qualifications:** Sec. 9.1.1 Animal Control Officer; Sec. 9.2.1 Civil Emergency Preparedness Director; Sec. 9.5.1 Health Officer; Sec. 9.7.1 Registrar of Voters; Sec. 9.8.1 Tax Collector; Sec. 10.1.1 Board of Appeals
- **Establishes eligibility:** Sec. 10.3.1 Budget Board; Sec. 10.4.1 Planning Board; Sec. 10.6.1 Comprehensive Planning Committee; Sec. 10.8.1 Recreation Committee; Sec. 10.9.1 Solid Waste Committee.
- **Clarifies duties:** Sec. 9.2.2 Civil Emergency Preparedness Director: Sec. 9.5.2 Health Officer
- Sec 9.3 & 9.3.1 **Code Enforcement Officer:** Building Inspector position eliminated and combined with CEO
- **Revises composition:** Sec. 10.1.2 Board of Appeals changes 5 members & 2 alternates to 5-7 members; Sec. 10.3.2 Budget Board changes 9 members (6 elected/3 alternates) to 7-9 members (6 elected/1-3 alternates); Sec. 10.4.2 Planning Board changes 5 members and 2 alternates to 5-7 members; Sec. 10.9.2 Solid Waste Committee changes 5 members with 2 alternates to 5-7 members.
- Sec. 10.2 **Board of Assessment Review** (adopted 11/04): establishes eligibility, composition, and duties
- Sec. 14.2 **Holding Other Office:** revises language to reflect changes approved 11/04
- Sec. 14.5 **Removal of Appointed Official or Employee:** adds reference to the Town’s Personnel Policy
- Sec. 14.6 **Severability:** term changed from “separability”
- Sec. 14.7.2 **Amendment:** language changed to clarify procedure and “note” added to clarify establishment of Charter Review Committee as needed & Sec. 14.7.2b change by petition to 20% to comply with Statute.



Arundel Rec Late-Fall Programs

Winter Basketball Program

Grades 4-6
Boys & Girls



Practices will be held once a week in November, twice a week in December and no more than 3 practices/games per week January thru early March. There will be A & B teams for both boys and girls – team placement will be determined after the first few practices (there are no cuts). The emphasis of this program is instruction and fun.

Boys Start date: Tues 11/1 6:00-8:00pm

Girls Start date: Wed. 11/2 6:00-8:00pm

Fee: \$45

A BOYS' COACH IS NEEDED. Please let us know if you're interested in volunteering your time to coach.

Clay Place Holiday Plate Project

For all ages!



Ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Adults: Come with a child or come with a friend! Children: Make a great gift for Christmas! Everyone join in for an afternoon of pottery painting. Make your own Snowman Plate! Keep it for yourself or give it as a *great* holiday gift!

When: Sunday, November 20 from 1:00-2:30pm

Where: ML Day School

Fee: \$20 per plate

Registration Deadline: Wed. November 9.

Winter Cheering

Grades 3-6



Practices will begin in December in order to be prepared to cheer when the basketball games begin in January! (Exact start date to be determined).

When: 1 practice per week in December
1 practice & 1 home game per week Jan. & Feb.

Fee: \$30

Registration Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9th

A COACH IS NEEDED FOR THIS PROGRAM. Please let the Rec Dept. know if you are interested in volunteering your time to coach.

Horseback Riding

Grades 2-5 & 6-8



Suitable for varying levels of experience. Lessons taught in small group setting at a great local barn. Wear comfortable clothes & boots. Helmets provided.

When: Fridays 11/4, 11/11, 11/18 & 12/2

Time: 3-4pm for grades 6-8 & 4-5pm for grades 2-5

School bus transportation available after school to barn. Parents are responsible for pick-up at end of lesson.

Fee: \$120 per person

Adult Scrapbooking



Suitable for scrapbookers with some experience – join the group for a fun evening out! *Bring your own materials and tools* and share ideas with others. (No formal instruction provided).

When: Wed. Nov 9, 2005 from 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Room 33, ML Day School.

It's FREE! Just call Denise Vigneault to get on the list (maximum of 10 due to space limits) 283-0770.

Adult Yoga



Join Anne Gamble of Port Yoga as she teaches a step-by-step approach to the asanas (postures) and awareness of breathing, relaxation, anatomy, balance and alignment. Anne's yoga is influenced by Iyengar, Integral and other Yoga. Suitable for beginner & intermediate levels.

When: Mondays 7:30-8:30pm 11/14 – 12/12

Where: Port Yoga Studio, 25 Limerick Road

Fee: \$40 per participant

Reg. Deadline: Friday, Nov. 11 (must be strictly adhered to).

Min enrollment: 5. **Max enrollment:** 10.

Winter Pee-wee Basketball

Grades K-3

(co-ed)



We will begin pee-wee basketball after the holidays – early in January. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at ML Day. Depending on how many participants and coaches we have, we'd like to group K & 1st graders together, and 2nd & 3rd graders together, and hold separate practices for each group. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help coach! *Another flyer and more specific registration information will circulate as the time gets closer.*



Holiday Programs Offered for Arundel Residents

by Wendy Lank, GA & Social Services Direc-

Arundel offers four programs to its residents each year during the holiday season. If you or someone you know may benefit from one or more of these programs, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 985-4201 or stop by the Town Office to see me.



Thanksgiving Baskets – If you are financially strapped, it's hard to prepare for something as special as Thanksgiving. We are here to help families and seniors in our town who would not otherwise be able to afford a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to be placed on my list to receive a Thanksgiving Basket please give me a call no later than November 16th.

Project Pilgrim – This is an annual Thanksgiving dinner to ensure that all members of our community will enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in the company of others. The volunteer staff prepares and serves a festive dinner, delivers dinners to the homes of community members and recipients of Meals on Wheels and also transports guests to the dinner held at St. Martha's Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day. If you are interested in this program please give me a call in November and I can give you the time of the event.



Secret Santa – Secret Santa is entering its 18th year of providing gifts to children of families in need. If you would like an application, please call or stop by my office to request one. All applications will need to be returned to me no later than November 14th so that the tags will be ready to be placed on our Christmas Tree. On Monday, November 21st the Town will have its tree

set up in the lobby of the Town Hall with the tags bearing a "most wanted" or "needed" gift for a child. Anyone wishing to take a tag from the tree would need to purchase that item and return it back unwrapped to the Town Hall no later than December 7th. After this date Secret Santa volunteers will go out and purchase the items that have not been received so they can be boxed and distributed to the families the week before Christmas.

Elder Elves – This is a wonderful program that provides gifts to the elderly residents who live alone and do not have family around to provide them with Christmas Gifts. If you know of someone that falls into this category, please give me a call with the name and address of that resident and we will be sure to make their Christmas as special as we can.



Boy Scout Troop 330

By Phil Taschereau, Scoutmaster

We had a great summer to do all the things that we planned and then some just for fun. The month of October hasn't been what we had hoped for but, we surely had enough rain to test our patience, which is one reason we opted not to go to the fall camporee. We spent that time supporting one of our scouts with his Eagle Scout Project that required all of our help to construct a storage shed for St. Philip's Church in Lyman, Maine. John Maloney-Hawkins chose this as his project since he wanted to help his church and help the youth group to find a place to store their equipment. Sam Morse has also received the approval to start his Eagle Scout Project which will require him to oversee the construction of a land bridge for the Kennebunk Land Trust. The troop will now concentrate on helping Sam with his plans for the completion of his project. We volunteered our time to the Seashore Trolley Museum again this year for their annual Pumpkin Patch Weekends, which is always fun to do! Next year's summer camp adventure will require our scouts to prepare their own meals, which isn't a task that comes easily for most. Camp Bell is a well-known high adventure camp that challenges young men in many different ways. Patrols of eight are formed and required



to overcome their daily challenges and remain a team for one week. One of the camp's requirements is that the scouts prepare and cook their own meals without the help of any adults. Example: A patrol of scouts are given a large chunk of meat the size of a large roast and told to prepare it for their evening meal. Is it going to be a roast, steaks or end up being a stew!

The troop is in need of four, single shot 22 cal. Rifles for our upcoming Merit Badge Training Program. For safety reasons, these rifles will be kept under lock and key and only used for troop training events. They have to be single bolt action due to BSA Safety requirements. If you are willing to donate a rifle we will give you a written tax credit for 2005. We are also in need of an acoustic guitar for our camping trips, since our old guitar had to be retired.

So please, if you have one in a closet doing nothing why not put it to use. Call me at 282-2851 and ask for Phil.

Thank you for all the returnable bottles and cans that you drop off for our scouts. Your support means so much to us and enable us to help our scouts prepare for adulthood. Thank You!

If you know a young man who enjoys the outdoors as we do and wishes to challenge himself in a positive atmosphere, please call us at 282-2851.



Bulletin Board Notes:



BOTTLE DRIVE

To Benefit
MLD 8th Grade Class
Saturday
November 5th
9 am to 12 pm
Back Parking lot near GYM

MLD Kitchen Volunteers

Would you like to
volunteer to help
with the Hot
Lunch Program at
MLD? FMI Contact
Ed Caron at 284-4677 Ext 20.



Recycling "Rechargeable" Batteries

Recycling "RECHARGEABLE" batteries is important in that it reduces the amount of heavy metals that go into our landfills, preserves the environment by

eliminating hazardous materials that could contaminate our groundwater & conserves our natural resources. Components of rechargeable batteries are used in the manufacturing of stainless steel products and new rechargeable batteries. Biddeford Ace Hardware, Radio Shack and Wal-Mart are local recycling outlets.



Golden Girls Reminders

The Golden Girls of Arundel meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Arundel Fire Station from April thru the 2nd Monday of December.

Even though there are no meetings in Jan, Feb & March, we do have lunches at the Kenne-



bunkport Masonic Hall, weather permitting.

This year we had several picnics, a visit to Cowgill's Farm, speakers & entertainers during our meetings and some members volunteered for special projects.

Guests are always welcome. FMI call Elizabeth O'Brien at 967-5146.



2006 Dog

Licenses:

Stickers are now available for the 2006 License year. Fees remain: \$6.00 for spayed or neutered dog-\$10 for male or female capable of producing young. ALL dogs 6 months of age or older MUST be licensed by State Law. **A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

Late fees (\$15 per dog) will be applied after January 31, 2006.

Please call us (985-4201) if your dog has passed away or gone to a new owner since last year.

Pet & Livestock Owners Shelter - ACO Reminder

Don't forget with winter coming on, you have an obligation to your animals to provide proper Shelter, Sustenance & Medical Attention. This is a State Law and comes under Maine Animal Cruelty Laws.



Town Hall
& Fire Station CLOSED
Veterans Day - Friday
Nov. 11, 2005

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Arundel, ME 04046

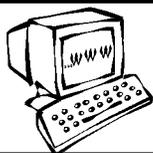
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to keep posted on meetings and events!

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