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NEWS from the TOWN MANAGER by Keith Trefethen

The summer season is winding down as we all prepare for Fall and our New England Winters, scary to think it is right around the corner.

Our new fiscal year started on July 1, 2021 and with it a different direction in the Land Use Office. We changed direction a bit as we moved to a contract Planner for our needs. Lee Jay Feldman is Director of Planning at Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and has assumed duties for Arundel as part of his overall work load. Lee is in the office on Mondays and by appointment if folks need to speak with him and at this juncture the transition seems to be working. Lee can be contacted here at the Municipal Offices or you can call Lee direct at 571-7065 or by email at townplanner@arundelmaine.org

Arundel, like many communities, is struggling with a work force shortage. We continue to interview folks for our open Public Works positions (Driver/Laborer and Fleet Mechanic) and we are always looking for per diem employees at the Fire Station. Obviously certain experiences and credentials are required for these positions but I think everyone is working through these pandemic challenges. If anyone thinks they would like to give public service a try at the municipal level please reach out to Roger Taschereau at Public Works 285-7202 or Chief Jerry Beaulieu at the Fire Station 985-2572.

Recently Tax Assessor Beth Newcombe finished her work for the upcoming tax year and provided the Board of Selectmen new Value Numbers for Arundel. Combining them with our approved expenses from the Annual Town Meeting allows the Selectmen to establish a new Tax Rate for the upcoming year. New rate is \$16.90/1000 of value and is up 17 cents from the last year's \$16.73/1,000. This means a home valued at \$200,000 in Arundel will see an increase of \$34.00 in their bill.

The status of the Old Town Hall has received the attention of the Selectmen. The Board held a series of Public Hearings to hear what townspeople felt should happen with the Building. The Building shares the lot with the Fire Station and after numerous discussions the Board tasked me with obtaining a cost for demolition of the building. Obviously, demolition will not occur until approval is granted by the Townspeople through voting at either a Special or Annual Town Meeting but at this juncture, I am gathering costs for a tear down.

Our solar panels at the Arundel Municipal Building have been a resounding success. All of our energy use at the new building (Light-Heat-Air Conditioning-Fresh Air exchange) has been provided by these solar panels. In fact, a surplus of energy exists and we have assigned a percentage of this surplus energy to our remaining Public Buildings (Fire Station and Public Works) to curb their expenditures.

Recently the Board is looking for some amendments to our Municipal Charter. To accomplish this requires the appointment of members of the Community to make up a Charter Review Committee to work along with the Selectmen. A decision on the make-up of the Review Committee will be made sometime in October/November. If you have an interest in serving your community, this may be a way to get your feet wet without a long-term commitment. Contact the Town Manager @ townmanager@arundelmaine.org and I will place your name before the Selectmen for consideration.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope you all stay Healthy & Safe.

Arundel Fire-Rescue Help Wanted

Arundel Fire-Rescue is looking for volunteers with either the Fire Service or Rescue.



Per Diem Intermediate and Paramedics are also needed.

For more information, please call 985-2572 or stop by the Arundel Fire Station on Limerick Road

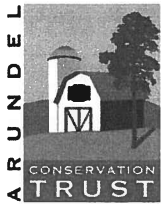


Arundel Public Works Job Openings

The Town of Arundel are looking to fill positions in our Public Works Department.

Fleet Mechanic; Fulltime Driver/Laborer; Seasonal Driver/Laborer

An Employment Application can be found online at www.arundelmaine.org or by stopping into the Arundel Municipal Building. Job descriptions are available upon request.



Arundel Conservation Trust Summer/Fall 2021 News

Summer 2021 has been a busy time for Arundel Conservation Trust (ACT)! Volunteer Trailblazer crews worked on multiple days in June, July and August to clear and improve trail conditions at Welch Woods and Limerick Road trails. This summer's wet and rainy weather created more challenging conditions than typical, but ACT's Trailblazers have done a terrific job making the trails more enjoyable for all. The excitement continues as work progresses on the new Phase II Low Flow Trail, newly marked as "Red Trail" on Limerick Road. The Red Trail is now partially cleared and graded, with more progress planned for Fall 2021. New Trailblazer volunteers are welcome and we encourage you to sign up for catwalk and bridge building work days this fall. We are happy to report that many people have enjoyed hiking and cycling the trails this summer and we encourage you to get outside this fall season.

In June, an ACT founder and first President, Joan Hull "passed the presidential gavel" to Henry Ingwersen. Many thanks to Joan for her leadership over the years and we look forward to her continued enthusiastic involvement going forward. Congratulations Henry Ingwersen- ACT is thrilled to welcome you into your new role as ACT President.

On August 18th, ACT collaborated with the Seashore Trolley Museum, to host an Ice Cream Social. This was a successful event for both ACT and the Seashore Trolley Museum, with over 100 guests treated to trolley rides and delicious ice cream sundaes.

ACT will participate in Arundel Heritage Day, on September 18th. Please stop by our booth to learn more about ACT.

On Saturday, September 25, the Arundel Conservation Trust will host the 1st ever ACT Fall Trail Fest, featuring 5K, 10K and Half Marathon trail runs. This event is in proud partnership with the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust who is hosting their annual KCT Trail Fest October 2, 2021.

The ACT Fall Trail Fest Half-Marathon race starts at 8:00am; the 5K/10K races start at 9:00 am. The courses are set on the Arundel Community Trails and the Eastern Trail. Runners will start at the new Arundel Municipal Building parking lot on 257 Limerick Road. All races return and finish at the Arundel Municipal Building parking lot.

Register at:
<https://raceroster.com/events/2021/49953/arundel-conservation-trust-trail-fest>.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at Trail Fest, please email us: info@arundeltrust.org.

Arundel Historical Society Heritage Day 2021



The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting the **8th Arundel Heritage Day September 18**. It will be held at **North Chapel Common** [corner of Limerick Road and Alfred Road] and the **field will open at 10am**. We, as well as you, are looking forward to spending some time with neighbors and friends at this family-friendly event. We encourage those of you who are new to the community to join us and get a "taste" of Arundel with its rich history and wonderful people. As always, admission and parking are free and the fun and food continue throughout the day. Here is a partial program to let you know what to expect.

Activities, Demonstrations, & Displays

- * Farm animals on display
- * Antique farm engines and equipment in running condition
- * Spinning & weaving; bracelet weaving kits for kids
- * Bee keeping/DIY candle making
- * Pony rides
- * "Free play" for kids with bubbles, kites, and other activities

Civil War Encampment – 3rd Maine Infantry Co. A

– Living history and demonstrations

AHS Reminisce Tent: photo displays, historical items, Arundel Veterans Honor Roll, and more. It is a place to explore or sit and chat with friends.

Entertainment & Contests

- * 11:00 – Cornhole Competition sponsored by AHS
- * 12:00-2:00 – Kennebunk River Duo
- * 1:30 – Ladies Skillet Toss sponsored by Arundel Conservation Trust
- * Apple Pie Baking Contest [**entry deadline at noon**] sponsored by Kate's Creamery

Crafts from more than a dozen crafters

- Honey, candles, & soap
- Alpaca wool products
- Crocheted, knitted, & embroidered items
- Wood crafts
- Jewelry
- Acrylic items: pens, key chains, & more
- Historical books, original poetry, & items made from antique postcards

Information from local organizations And GREAT food!

- ❖ The Lobster Company truck
- ❖ AHS Bake Sale: coffee and lots of homemade goodies
- ❖ Hot dogs, chips, water, soda
- ❖ Slices of excellent pies from the contest

Please set the day aside and plan to spend some time with us. We offer our thanks to the sponsors, contributors, bakers, and volunteers who make this event possible!



Information from the Town Clerk

The Municipal office is open Monday - Thursday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm and is closed on Friday's.

The November Referendum Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd at the municipal building from 8:00 am to 8:00pm. Absentee Ballot applications are available if you would like to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you once they are received in our office by the State. **Absentee ballots are available 30 days prior to the election.** A request for an absentee ballot must be made for every election. It is not automatic.

Dog Licenses for 2022 will be available late October. Please check the website for updates on licensing information. The deadline to get your dog (s) licensed is December 31st.



A friendly reminder to please bring in your registration(s) when re-registering a motor vehicle, trailer, recreation vehicle or camper. It makes the process quicker and more accurate if you have the necessary documents. We will also need to know the mileage and see your valid insurance card.

TAX DUE DATES for the 2022 fiscal year: **October 12, 2021 and April 11, 2022.** Interest will start accruing the day after each date. Thank you



Arundel Parks & Recreation

Jenn Shea, Director

After having spent last year operating in unusual ways in unusual spaces, including the Vinegar Hill Barn from September-November, and then in the Meeting Room of the new Municipal Building for the rest of the school year, we are very happy to be back "home" in our office at Mildred L Day School! We were grateful to be able to serve our community during the pandemic of the 2020-2021 school year, and so thankful for the generosity of those who shared their space to accommodate our Before & After School program as well as full-day programming to support our families during the hybrid school year.

Youth sports were a distant fond memory for us during the last school year, with the exception of an outdoor Flag Football program in the spring. We are happy to announce that we are about to kick off our **Fall Soccer** season serving grades PreK to 6, as well as **Flag Football** serving grades 1-6.

Plans are underway for our usual winter **Basketball season**, which serves grades PreK to 6, as well as a new program, "Little Tykes Adventures" for ages 2, 3 & 4 which is scheduled to begin in October.

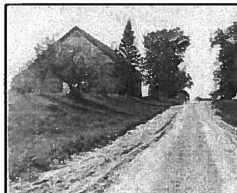
We are pleased to see all of the happy faces of the students, and feel the positive energy of the children back at the school. Our Before & After School program, and half-day, and no-school day trips are keeping us hopping!

We hope that our annual Tree Lighting will be back after a 2-year hiatus, with a new location at the Arundel Municipal Building on the first Friday in December. As always, please check our website <http://arundelrec.com> for program and event details



8th ANNUAL

Arundel Historical Society HERITAGE DAY



**A Gathering of
Friends
&
Neighbors
To Enjoy
And
Reminisce**

September 18, 2021

SATURDAY – Fun begins at 10 am
Corner of Limerick Rd & Alfred Rd



APPLE PIE BAKE OFF!
Entries in by Noon.
Come taste for yourself after judging!



Antique Engines
Crafters
Music
Cornhole
Competitions
Bake Sale
Games for Kids
Demonstrations
Pony rides
Plenty of Good
Food & Friends!

Ladies Skillet Toss
2 pm in Field
Sponsored by
Arundel
Conservation Trust



**3rd Maine Infantry
Civil War Encampment**



Registration is now **OPEN**
for ACT's first ever **Fall
Trail Fest Race!**

**Saturday,
September 25, 2021**

Visit arundeltrust.org/act-trail-fest to register



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