

MAY 2009

GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER

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SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

Representatives from MDOT held a public hearing at the Community Center announcing the fate of the Route 186 road repair project through West Gouldsboro and Beech Hill. The project will end just before the bridge by the kiln and since this area is also a priority, funds are being sought for the 2010/11 budgets. The current three million dollar draft plan being designed has been approved and the lengthy right of way phase is underway. Most likely road improvements will not be scheduled to begin until spring/summer 2010. May 18th contractors will begin to finish last year's road repairs from South Gouldsboro to Birch Harbor. This project should be completed within six to eight weeks.

As we continue to encourage recycling we are looking for sponsors and/or donations to purchase additional recycling bins. Since the beginning of the "pledge" program there have been two sponsors: Maine Resource and Recovery and Time Warner. The first one hundred bins were spoken for very quickly last spring and the second batch is now available at the Town Office. Special thanks to these sponsors and the many folks within the community who are teaching others and promoting recycling.

A few months ago, Gouldsboro Storage (Jason and Diane Knowles) very generously donated a storage unit to the Town to keep miscellaneous "stuff". It has been so helpful for odds and ends that just didn't seem to fit anywhere in the Town Office. You are both appreciated for your sincere community contribution.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Permits Issued From 3/20 through 4/23/2009

M. Lerman	825 West Bay Road	Deck
W. Lewis	87 Peninsula Road	Shed
C. Hodge	100 Taft Point Road	Roof
W. Crawford	602 West Bay Road	Mobile Home
L. Knowles	8 Knowles Lane	Shed

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

In February, we printed the wrong information for Ashville Redemption Center; their hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We apologize for this error.

Once again we want to thank everyone who has helped keep Gouldsboro Green and continue to reduce the volume of trash which we generate every week. As of this writing we have reduced our volume by better than 25% since the first of the year. This represents a saving of more than \$5,000 in the solid waste program. As spring arrives and people wish to take materials to Coastal Recycling in Hancock, rather than curbside, they are open Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

PLANNING BOARD

After three years of review and modification the Planning Board has completed the revisions on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The State mandated that if the towns did not update their Ordinance by July 1st 2009, they would impose the State Model. We have modified and amended various portions of the existing Town Ordinance to meet the needs of the State without losing control of the uniqueness of our town. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday May 19th at the Community House (Women's Club) at 7:00 PM. The Ordinance will be on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Copies of the Ordinance with the changes will be available at the Town Office.

TOWN CLERK

Due to changes in regulations, we are encouraging people to put a physical address on their Motor Vehicle Registrations. We can leave your PO Box as a mailing address, but having proof of where you live is becoming important, and this is an easy way to accomplish that.

Absentee ballots will be available on May 11th for the June municipal elections.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

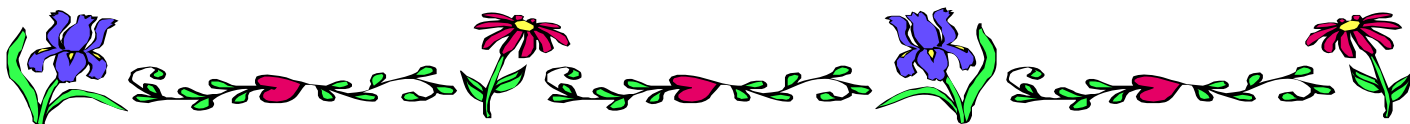
The Gouldsboro PD is alerting residents there have been a number of camp & garage break-ins in Sullivan and Franklin recently, as well as a camp on Jones Pond. —please make sure you lock up, pick things up from your yard and be mindful of your possessions and property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is that time of year for burning brush and winter debris---let's make sure we do it safely. You are required to have a permit from the Town Office issued daily and no burning before 5:00 PM or when the wind is blowing. Everyone did a great job keeping the chimney fires down again this year --well done. Be sure to clean your stoves and chimneys now so you don't have to think of it again until it's time to turn the heat on again. We now have a Junior Fire Fighter Program for persons under 18. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

SHELLFISH WARDEN

Anyone interested in obtaining a commercial clam license for 2009 must attend 5 hours of meeting time and 5 hours of work on the flats. Anyone over 65 is required to only attend 10 hours of meeting time. Reseeding dates are Sunday, June 14th and Sunday June 28th at 8:30 AM. There will be a make-up date of Sunday July 5th. The next Shellfish meeting is Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Congratulations to Mike Hall on his Certification as Shellfish Warden.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

The Neighborhood Watch Committee is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Memorial Day morning at the Prospect Harbor Women’s Club, immediately after the parade. Donations are accepted and proceeds will be used to purchase N.W. signs for placement around Gouldsboro. We would love to see a big turnout so bring your appetite. Please remember if you see any suspicious activity, strange vehicles, etc; contact the Gouldsboro PD and let them know. Emergencies dial 911, non emergency # for RCC is 207-667-7575,—and as always, for Gouldsboro PD 963-5589.

RECYCLING EVERY WEDNESDAY, TRASH PICK UP EVERY THURSDAY
PLEASE HAVE EVERYTHING CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM

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For answers to Time Warner questions about service (or lack of service) contact:
shelley.winchenbach@twcable.com or direct line at 207-594-2249 ext. 2177.

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SCHOODIC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber will be providing advertising for Trade Day on May 16th, so please plan your yard and garage sales. A chairman is needed for this year’s Lobster Festival. We thank Matt Zito (963-7223) for organizing the lobster dinner and Linda Elliott (546-2960) for organizing the craft fair and food booths again this year. Please consider supporting your community with involvement in the Chamber activities and take a look at the new web site design at www.acadia-schoodic.org.

THE DIRT ON THE VILLAGE GARDENS

We have 3 sites available for the Village Gardens—in Corea, behind Chapter Two, on the property of Rosemary and Gary Levin. They have six 10’x10’ plots and can be reached at 963-7100 or 963-7269. The second site is in Birch Harbor at the Allison and Eric Johnson farm. Their contact number is 963-4147. The third site is located in South Gouldsboro on the Morton Emerson Lane. Here, Eve and Steve Wilkinson also have six 10’x10’ plots and their contact number is 963-5589. The plots are going to be plowed and ready shortly so time is of the essence to sign- up and stake your claim; planting season is almost here! The ideal is to promote organic gardening-helping Gouldsboro to go Green. We are also accepting donations of fencing, stakes, garden tools, wheelbarrows and anything else anyone might have laying around unused. Contact Becky O’Keefe at 669-2187 or call the Town Office at 963-5589.

DORCAS LIBRARY

On Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM the volunteers of Dorcas Library will hold their annual spring bake sale at the library. The library will also be open for patrons during these hours.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, May 29th: Winter Harbor - Skowhegan Bluesman Dave Mello entertains at the “Last Friday Coffeehouse” in Hammond Hall, presented by Schoodic Arts for All. Suggested donation for this event is \$10 - Kids under 12 admitted free - Great desserts!! No reservations needed, doors open at 6:30 PM and the show starts at 7:30 PM. For further info, call 963-7670(Jeremy Strater), 963-2569, or go to www.schoodicarts.org.

HARDY’S FRIENDS

Hardy’s Friends is collecting dog food, cat food and litter for distribution to pet owners in need. Donations can be dropped off at the Town Office or Bar Harbor Bank in Winter Harbor. Cash donations to purchase these items are also welcome. If you have questions or would prefer to have your donation picked up, please contact Susan Burke at 963-7444.

"Never yet was a springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom."
Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR MAY

Tuesday	5 th	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	7 th	Neighborhood Watch Meeting- FS #1	6:00 PM
Wednesday	13 th	Shellfish Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	14 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Saturday	16 th	Dorcas Library Bake Sale- Library	9:00-4:00
Monday	18 th	Solid Waste Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Tuesday	19 th	Planning Board Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Monday	25 th	Memorial Day- Town Office Closed	All Day
Monday	25 th	Memorial Day Parade	9:00 AM
Monday	25 th	Pancake Breakfast- Women’s Club	10:00 AM
Thursday	28 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Friday	29 th	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:00 PM

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