

KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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Town documents ownership of Goose Rocks Beach from 1684

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

A significant development in the Goose Rocks Beach lawsuit took place in March. The Town filed a motion for summary judgment based on evidence compiled that the Town currently owns the beach and, in fact, has owned the beach continuously and without interruption since 1684. The Town's research demonstrates that the deeds held by the plaintiffs in the suit can be traced back to one of three original out-conveyances from the Town in the 1700s, and that the Town retained ownership of the beach between the sea bank (or seawall) and the low water mark while conveying out the upland (landward of the seabank (or seawall)) in these three out-conveyances.

Twenty-four beachfront property

owners initiated a lawsuit against the Town and "all unspecified persons" in October 2009. The lawsuit asserts that the beach is privately owned except for the small area of the beach located between Bellevue Avenue and Edgewood Avenue, and it seeks to enshrine the right of property owners to prevent public use of the rest of the beach for general recreational use, including sunbathing, picnicking, kite flying, sandcastle building, dog walking, and running and walking along the beach for recreational purposes. The Town responded to this lawsuit on behalf of the citizens of Kennebunkport and the general public, countering that the public is entitled to use the beach along its entire 2 mile length for general recreational purposes. Subsequently, over 200 individual property

owners have also entered the lawsuit to protect their right to access and use Goose Rocks Beach for general recreational purposes.

The Town's record of ownership began when the colonial authorities in Massachusetts voted in 1681 to grant to the Town of Cape Porpus the land that now comprises all of Cape Porpoise and most of Kennebunkport. Subsequently, in 1684, a deed was provided to the officers of the Town of Cape Porpus on behalf of its inhabitants. During this same time period, there was conflict between the settlers of Cape Porpus and the Native Americans that drove away the settlers, who were not to return in numbers until approximately 1720. Following the return of the settlers, the Town officers began to tend to the business of the Town, including

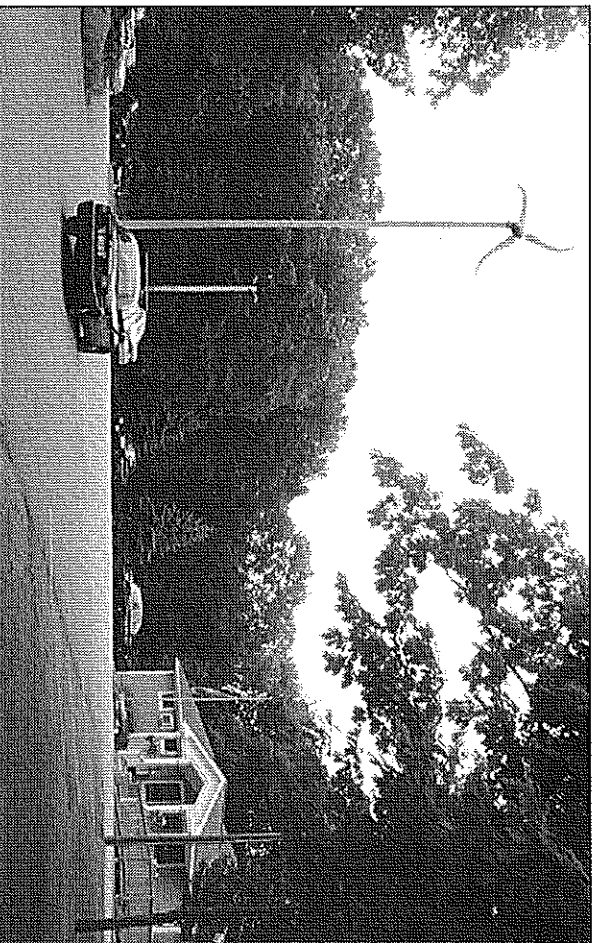
disposition of property in the area of Goose Rocks Beach.

The Town made three distinct conveyances of property along the 2 mile stretch of Goose Rocks Beach beginning in 1720. The initial conveyance to Captain John Downing was 200 acres comprising some 660 feet east of what is now Norwood Lane. The seaward boundary in the conveyance was described as upland beginning at a marsh.

According to town records, seven years later the Town was seeking to clarify ownership interests. To that end, the Town in 1727 conveyed out a 600 acre parcel to John Jeffreys that stretched from near the current location of the sewer pump station easterly to Sand Point. The boundary along the beach was

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Energy grant funds wind turbine at police department



This computer generated rendering shows what the turbine will look like when installed in May.

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Clean, renewable energy coming to Kennebunkport

By Sarah Lachance, Conservation Commission Chair

By now, most of you have read an article or two about the wind turbine to be installed this May on the hill at the police station. Initiated by the Town's Conservation Commission, the Town received a demonstration grant from the State of Maine to fund 80% of the cost. The balance of the funds came from a town reserve account dedicated for conservation projects. Renewable energy will serve as a critical component of our nation's future. The Conservation Commission saw a good opportunity to provide our citizens, particularly our children, with a working demonstration project on renewable energy at one of our town's most visible properties. The installation of this wind turbine truly accomplished that goal.

A second component of the wind turbine project is education. We must learn how well systems work, how they work in concert with

other renewable energy systems, and how to make them the most cost effective. Every time we drive by the police station and see that turbine whirling away, we will wonder how much energy that circular motion is creating. And, when we see it lie silent, we will be reminded that wind doesn't blow all the time. Wind energy is part of the solution to our energy crisis, but it isn't the whole solution. Remember, when night falls, solar panels stop making energy too. Use them both and perhaps you will start to create more constant energy production.

The education piece will be most valuable at our public school, Consolidated School. With the esteemed honor of being a nationally recognized "Blue Ribbon School," you can be certain that our little school is bursting with pride and innovation. The entire school

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Warrant articles on ballot in June

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

Question 1 is a change to the Land Use Ordinance that changes the definition of half-story to make it consistent with the building code. Currently, half-story is defined in the LUO as habitable space with a ceiling height no less than 7 feet, 6 inches. However, since this definition was adopted, the building code has been modified. It now allows a ceiling height of no less than 7 feet. The change will remove this inconsistency.

Question 2 authorizes the Town to accept a recreational easement from the Stonehaven Hill property owners in order to preserve continued public recreational use of a portion of the causeway leading to Bickford Island in Cape Porpoise. This area has been used for many years for the launching of small boats. Activity has increased significantly in recent years as kayaking has become more and more popular. Last year, when the Town prohibited the launching of kayaks at Cape Porpoise Pier, the pressures and demand for water access at the causeway location accelerated. Because the property used for launching boats is owned in common by the Stonehaven residents, the residents contacted the Town and expressed their concern regarding their exposure to liability, and regarding potential damage to the property from cars, trucks, and people. The easement addresses these concerns; the Town accepts liability for public recreational use and is responsible for the maintenance and management of the area used for boat launching. In addition, in consideration for the granting to the Town of a recreational easement, the Town will add Stonehaven Drive to its winter plowing route.

Question 3 adopts an updated chapter on recreation and cultural resources to the Comprehensive Plan.

Question 4 enacts an ordinance that will allow Kennebunkport residents to make use of PACE, a State program that provides low-interest loans for energy saving improvements to their properties. The program can be used to fund improvements that will result in increased energy efficiency and substantially reduced energy use, including insulation and air sealing; or that involves a renewable energy installation or electric thermal storage system, including solar, wind, wood pellet and biomass systems. The loan program is operated by Efficiency Maine and is known by the acronym PACE, which stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy program. Loans have a fixed interest rate of 4.99% with a 15 year repayment period. Loans can range anywhere from \$6,500 to \$15,000. In order for residents to participate in the program, the Town must enact an ordinance that directs the Town to enter into a contract with Efficiency Maine to establish the terms and conditions for Efficiency Maine to administer the program. The Town has no financial or liability exposure by participating in the PACE program. The Town's only obligation is to adopt and implement a public outreach and education plan. The Town's Conservation Commission will be responsible for this outreach and education. In order for Town residents to receive a PACE loan, the Town must adopt this ordinance. As of April, 62 Maine towns adopted a similar ordinance, including seven York County towns.

Absentee ballots now available for June Town Meeting

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting election to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Village Fire Station, on 32 North Street in Kennebunkport. If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.

Registrar of Voters holds evening hours for June election

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote, and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

Town of Kennebunkport

Annual Town Meeting

June 14 & 18, 2011

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of this municipality will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June AD 2011, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a and Questions 1 through 4 (Election of Officers and Referendum Questions) as set forth in the **Town Warrant**.

The polls for voting shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on June 14, 2011, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held in the **auditorium of the Consolidated School, 25 School Street, in said Town, on Saturday, the 18th day of June AD 2011, at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of acting on Articles numbered 2 through 55 (Funding and Non-Funding Articles), as set out in the Warrant.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

Attested copies of the Town Warrant as well as Sample Ballots are posted at the United States Post Office, Temple Street; Adantic Hall, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Maine Street; Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company, Winter Harbor Road; and at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street.

A **copy of the Town Report** can be picked up at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street; Bradbury Brothers Market, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; and Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street.

April Dufoe
Town Clerk

Town of Kennebunkport Notice of Public Hearings

Please Take Notice

A public hearing will be held at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 7 p.m. by the Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen to take public comment on each of the following topics to be voted on by Referendum Ballot at the June 14, 2011, Annual Town Meeting:

1. Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance concerning definition of half-story.
2. Recreational easement.
3. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.
4. A new Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance.

The Growth Planning Committee shall also report its' recommendation on the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinance amendment.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website at www.kennebunkportme.gov.

Further Take Notice

A separate public hearing will also be held immediately following the Board of Selectmen hearing at the Village Fire Station, by the Planning Board, to take public comment on the same proposed Land Use Ordinance amendment referenced above.

April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Kennebunkport floodplain mapping progresses

By **Werner Gilliam, Town Planner**

Last year, many Maine coastal communities, including Kennebunkport, reacted with mixed views when FEMA announced its intentions to revise the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The proposed maps represented a significant step forward in the visual and technical presentation of floodplain data; however, this detailed presentation also displayed numerous flaws in the data and the methodology used. Working collaboratively with a private consultant, the Maine State Planning Office and Senator Collins' office, York and Cumberland County communities raised their objections with FEMA. This collaborative and educated objection resulted in an unprecedented move on FEMA's behalf; based on a "handshake" agreement, the proposed maps were withdrawn. In October 2010, it was announced that many communities would partner with FEMA in a new program entitled "Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning" (RISK MAP) in which a charter agreement is negotiated to more effectively address local flood issues, incorporate local data, and provide for more effective floodplain management through more accurate flood maps, risk assessment tools, and outreach support.

After the decision was made last year to participate in the RISK Map process, town staff worked with Robert Gerber of Ransom Environmental to identify both visual and technical issues with the revoked maps. This list of issues was reviewed by planners from the State Planning Office, and then incorpo-

rated into Kennebunkport's specifically tailored Memorandum of Understanding, which will serve as the basis of how the revised maps will be developed. The

Memorandum of Understanding was presented to FEMA in early April. As of the end of April, Kennebunkport has yet to receive word regarding FEMA's response. Should the town's Memorandum be accepted, the timeline (subject to

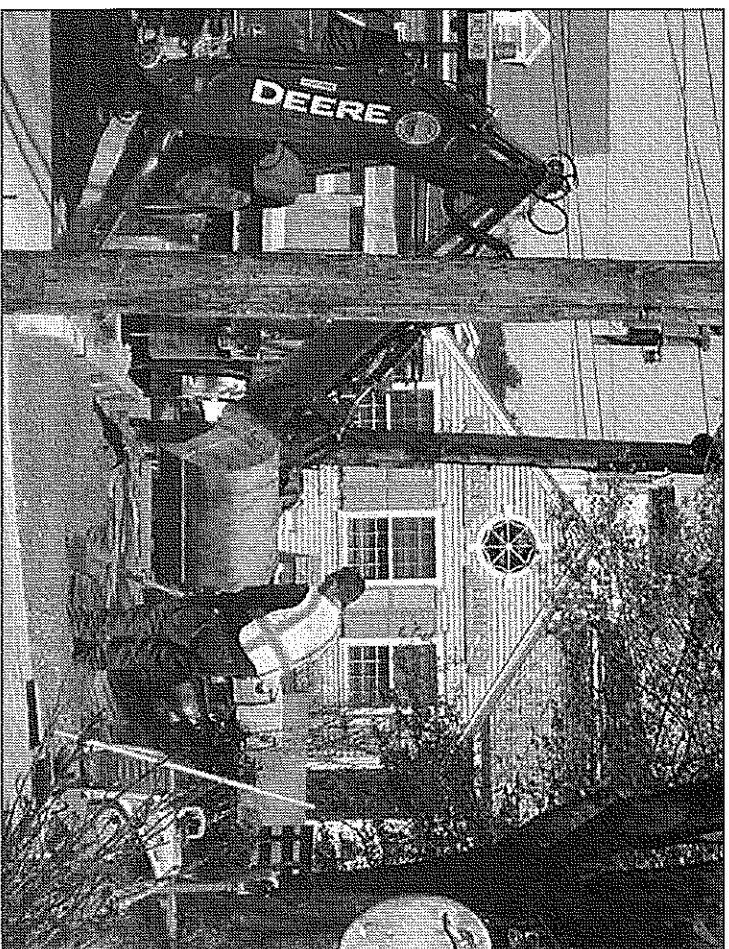
change) for revised mapping is proposed as listed below. Property owners with additional questions or concerns are urged to contact the Town at 967-4243, ext 102 or e-mail Werner Gilliam at: wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov.

FEMA Project Milestones and Schedule

The table below provides a schedule of when specific project milestones are to be achieved and the party responsible for that milestone. Milestones such as meetings, important administrative milestones such as Letter of Final Determination issuance, and delivery date of products should be listed.

Kennebunkport provides its data to FEMA	1 month after MOU signing
Discovery meeting	1 month after MOU signing
New preliminary maps distributed	January 30, 2012
Flood study review meeting	1 month after new prelim. maps
FEMA restarts formal municipal appeal period	June 30, 2012
FEMA ends formal municipal appeal period	September 30, 2012
FEMA delivers new provisional FIRM, FIS, Flood Risk Report, Flood Risk Map, Flood Risk Database, changes since last FIRM, Flood Depth and Analysis Grids, Flood Risk Assessment, and Areas of Mitigation Interest	December 31, 2012
Resilience meeting	March 31, 2013
New maps effective date	June 30, 2013
Kennebunkport updates its mitigation plan	December 31, 2013

New sidewalk at Ocean Avenue



The highway department crew is putting a new sidewalk and granite curbing between Chestnut and Green Street. Eric Smith is shown preparing the base prior to paving.

Three-way stop to be placed at busy intersection

By **Larry S. Mead, Town Manager**

In May, the Maine Department of Transportation will place two additional stop signs at the busy intersection of Maine Street and Spring Street, creating a 3-way stop. MDOT has jurisdiction over this intersection because Spring and Maine Streets are both designated State Route 9. The Town was consulted by MDOT, and the Selectmen supported the proposal before the change was finalized. Although there has in the past been more than one stop sign at this intersection, in recent years traffic has had to stop on Spring Street only. The reason for the change is twofold. First, the sight

lines for vehicles stopped at Spring Street are poor when looking in both directions on Maine Street. Having vehicles traveling on Maine Street stop will help this concern. Second, during the busy summer months, the volume of vehicles on Maine Street makes it difficult for vehicles to make the turn in either direction from Spring onto Maine. Requiring vehicles to alternate should reduce the back up through Dock Square. The Town and MDOT will assess the performance of the modified intersection throughout the next year.

Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S.

Well Water Testing Day: June 25, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Village Fire Station, 32 North Street: Is your home on well water? Over 1,000 Kennebunkport residents are. Maine Safe Drinking Water guidelines recommend that your well water be evaluated every three years. Those with dug wells need to test more frequently for bacteria. Over the years, pipes from your well to the house crack and joints loosen, allowing bacteria and lawn care additives, such as nitrates, to enter your system. This applies to both dug and artesian wells. Maine has a high exposure to arsenic and radon and in some areas fluoride. Long-term exposure to these invisible substances can contribute to gastrointestinal, neurologic, and blood related health issues as well as some forms of cancer.

wish and follow directions to obtain your sample. Drop off your sample, request card and payment at 32 North Street, between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., June 24. All checks are to be made out to Nelson Analytical. These few minutes can make a difference in the health of your family. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions-967-4401. This program is for Kennebunkport residents only.

Healthy Maine Beach Program: May 31-Labor Day: It's that time of year again. Volunteers and town staff will be collecting data and water samples to monitor enterococci levels at both Colony Beach and Goose Rocks Beach. For the latest status results, check the Town of Kennebunkport's webpage at www.kennebunkportme.gov. If you are interested in being trained as a volunteer, contact the Public Health Department. Please contact the Public Health Department if you should experience a water-borne illness.

available to them Monday-Friday. Volunteers from the Kennebunkport Health Council and Portside Rotary are again sponsoring **Stuff the Bus** on Election Day, June 14. Please help us fill the Parks & Recreation bus with nonperishable food as well as personal and household products. Cash donations are welcomed. Checks are to be made out to the Community Outreach Services Food Pantry. If you should find yourself in need of food assistance, contact the Public Health Department-967-4401.

Kennebunkport Emergency Fuel Program funded by donations. This program is an emergency fund only and is not funded to cover someone's entire winter heating needs. Now is the time to start saving for February.

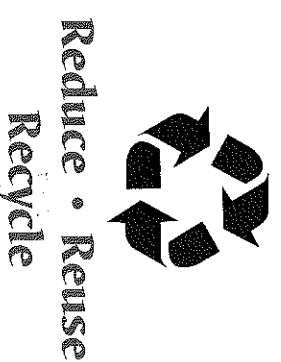
Loan Closet: If you or a guest find yourself in need of crutches, walker, wheelchair, shower chair, or a commode, the Public Health Department can help. The Kennebunkport Health Council has a free durable equipment loan closet in our office.

Nursing: Don't forget, we offer skilled home and office nursing care to residents and guests. Are you wondering how you are going to dispose of those needles, unused or expired prescriptions, and over the counter medications? The Public Health Department is responsible for their safe disposal. Yes, we also accept your pet's meds.

The Kennebunkport Public Health Department is sponsoring a **Test Your Well Water Program** with Nelson Analytical Laboratory, Kennebunk. Nelson Analytical is offering our residents reduced rates if you participate in this event. Free sample kits and information packets will be available at the Public Health Department and the Police Department lobby. Simply choose which tests you

Stuff the Bus: Unfortunately, the requests for food assistance do not diminish during the warmer months. Kennebunkport residents are fortunate to have the Community Outreach Food Pantry

Winter Fuel Needs: Please start putting money away now in order to meet your winter heating needs. This past year, we saw a decrease in the amounts allotted per household under the Federal Low Income Emergency Heating Assistance Program. Due to a shortage of intake staff, the length of time to schedule an intake appointment and for the funds to actually reach the dealers increased. These trends are only going to become worse given the economy. Added to that, a number of resources are no longer available such as Keeping Neighbors Warm. Kennebunkport residents have been very fortunate to have the



Angela O'Connor receives professional award

By Carol Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation

The Maine Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) announced its annual awards honoring excellence and achievement in the parks and recreation field. The 2011 awards were presented at a March 31 banquet at the Point Lookout Conference Center in Northport, Maine.

For many years, MRPA has granted the Distinguished Young Professional Award to a park and recreation professional with a minimum of three years in the field who has demonstrated outstanding performance through innovative programming, partnerships and civic involvement. In a special recognition this year, this award was renamed the Dr. Bill Eckart Young Professional Award, in honor of the University of Maine at Machias Recreation Management Professor William Eckart, who is retiring in 2011 after 31 years with the University.

Angela O'Connor, recreation coordinator for Kennebunkport Parks

and Recreation, is the first recipient of the Dr. Bill Eckart Young Professional Award. Over the last ten years as a part-time and full-time (since 2008) employee of the Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation Department, she has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues as a hard

worker with enormous passion for her chosen profession. In nominating her, Arundel Parks and Recreation Director Jenn Dumas wrote that she "has a can do attitude, even under the most adverse conditions. She is well respected by the families and children she works with. She passes on her knowledge and love of the outdoors to others, and has a great deal of knowledge to share. Her calm, thoughtful demeanor serves her well, and she is an excellent role model for children." She will graduate in May from the University of Southern Maine with a dual degree in Therapeutic Recreation/Social and Behavioral

Sciences. She is a member of MRPA and the Southern Maine Association of Recreation Technicians (SMART). For the last two years, she has worked tirelessly as

co-chair of the MRPA Annual Conference Committee and has done an outstanding job organizing all aspects of the conference.



Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation Director Carol Cook (right), presented the award to Angela.

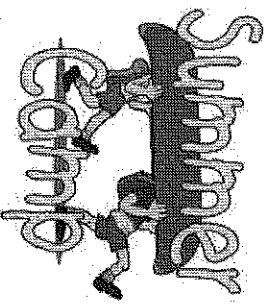
Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation Programs Summer 2011

FMI and Registration: 967-4304

or visit www.kennebunkportme.gov and go to "Recreation News"

If you're looking for a great summer day camp that's convenient, flexible, exciting, and worth every penny... LOOK NO FURTHER. Our camp is located at the Consolidated School on Route 9 in Kennebunkport, and the year-round parks & recreation department staff is on site to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for all. If you have been involved

in the past, you should be pleasantly surprised by the changes we have in mind (greater daily choices and more camp-wide special activities.) If you have never participated in our program, you won't believe what we pack into a day. Ask your friends and neighbors about us. Call if you have questions; let us develop a program to suit your needs.

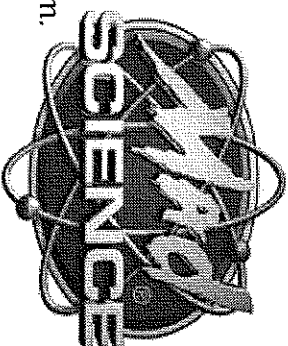


Summer Day Camp

Entering grades K-8
8 weeks, June 27-Aug 19
Full-time, half-day, or
part-time possible
\$520 Residents
\$565 Non-residents
or \$20/day plus trip expenses, field trips, special
events, camp-wide activities

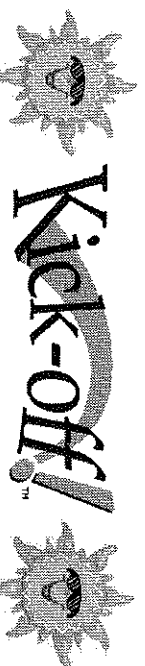
NEW PROGRAM Mad Science: Spy Academy

Ages 6-12
June 20-24; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cost: \$225/participant
Min. 12, Max. 25 participants



Swim Lessons

Ages 5-12
July 11-August 15
Mondays; 9 a.m.-12:00 (noon)
Cost: \$65/participant
Transportation is provided
from Consolidated School to
the Biddford YMCA.

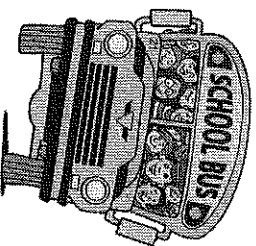
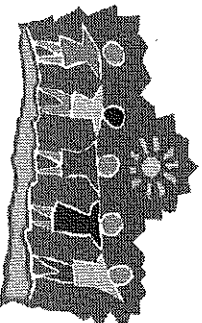


"Kick-off to Summer"

Pre-camp week
June 20-24
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
all field trips
Cost: \$95

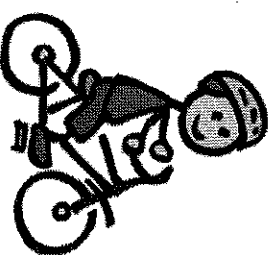
"Last Days of Summer"

Post-camp week
August 22-26
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
all field trips
Cost: \$95



Bike Club

Ages 9 & up
July 6-August 3
Wednesdays; 1-3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25/participant
Leader: Helena Brook

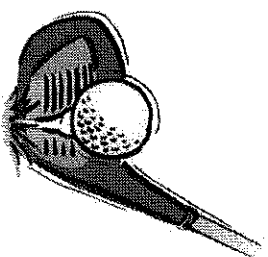


Mini-Golf Tour

July 8-August 12
Friday mornings
Cost: \$45/participant

Youth Golf

Ages 6-9
July 18, 19, 20
2:00-3:15 p.m.
Cost: \$55/participant

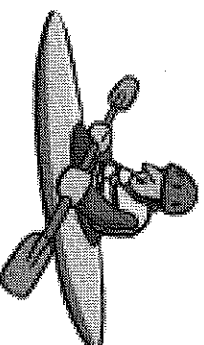


Youth Golf

Ages 10 & Up
July 18, 19, 20
3:30-4:45 pm
Cost: \$55/participant

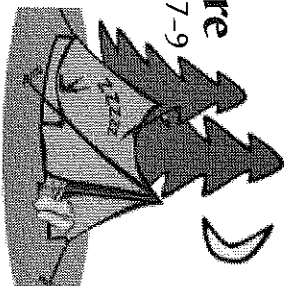
Youth Kayaking

Tide dependent
Ages 10-14
Strong swimmers only
\$25/per session
\$60/3 sessions
Instructor: Bill Junker
Registered Maine
Sea Kayaking Guide



Outdoor Adventure

For students entering grades 7-9
8 weeks; June 20-Aug 12
2 Options:
\$600 Mon-Wed
\$650 Mon-Fri
Coordinator: Angela O'Connor
Max. 13 participants



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characterized in the 1727 conveyance as the sea shore. Jeffreys died several years later, and in 1734 his estate was divided between three family members into three 200 acre sections. In each of these three parcels, which together comprise the original 600 acre parcel conveyed by the Town to John Jeffreys in 1727, the seaward boundary is defined as the seawall.

The third and final out conveyance from the Town to John Emmons occurred in 1777. It consisted of 15 acres beginning near the far western end of what is today Kings Highway. The seaward boundary of this conveyance is described as the seawall. The Town subsequently determined that another 20 acres to the west of what is now Norwood Lane had also been conveyed to John Emmons, and the first deed that specifically describes this property states that the seaward boundary of the property is the seawall.

It is clear from Town records during this period, that the Town had a significant interest in retaining public ownership of the beach property. The beach served both as a means of protecting the economically valuable upland marsh property along the Batson River and Little River, and the beach was also historically used as a means of transport for people and livestock. In each of the three conveyances, the Town relinquished the upland property and retained the beach. While many of the plaintiffs' current deeds claim ownership of portions of the beach between the seawall and low watermark, one cannot own what was never given in the first place.

The memorandum of law filed in support of the Town's Motion for Summary Judgment and related documents can be accessed on line at www.preserveGooseRocksBeach.org by clicking on the Litigation button and scrolling town to the March 24 motion for summary judgment.

Selectmen meeting schedule

Second and fourth
Thursday, monthly
7:00 p.m., at the
Village Fire Station
The meetings are televised live
on cable channels 2/16

Tree pest alert

By Suzanne Stohlman, Shade Tree Committee

Four invasive pests are threatening New England's shade trees at this time. Two are already established in Kennebunkport. The other two could devastate our shade tree population if discovered here.

The **Brown Tail Moth** currently exists on islands offshore from Cape Porpoise. The caterpillar eats oak leaves and sheds irritating hairs that mirror poison ivy's effects on contact with skin.

The **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid** has been found in Kennebunkport and Kennebunk. White wooly tufts at the base of hemlock needles are signs of this insect. Invasions will weaken and may kill stressed hemlocks. Chemical pesticides may be used. Biologists are currently exploring parasite use. FMl-www.maineforestservice.gov/HemlockWoolyAdelgid.htm.

The **Emerald Ash Borer**, a green beetle native to Asia, was found in Michigan in 2002 and is now widespread across the USA and Canada. The beetle, often introduced to an area in infested firewood, will annihilate a town's ash tree population as well as surrounding forests. At this time, pesticides are used to protect individual trees. FMl-www.emeraldashborer.info.

The **Asian Longhorned Beetle**, native to Asia, can ruin a town's mature shade tree canopy, as happened in Worcester, Massachusetts. Hardwood trees of nearly every kind are susceptible to attack by the beetles. Once a tree is invaded, it must be taken down, often, to new locations by firewood from infested trees.

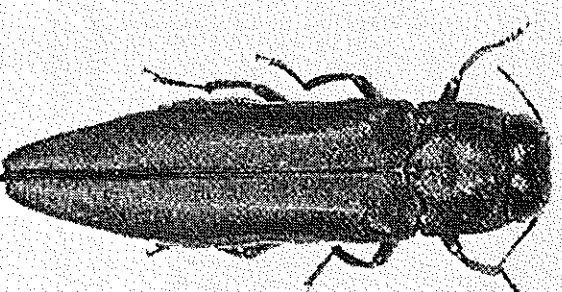
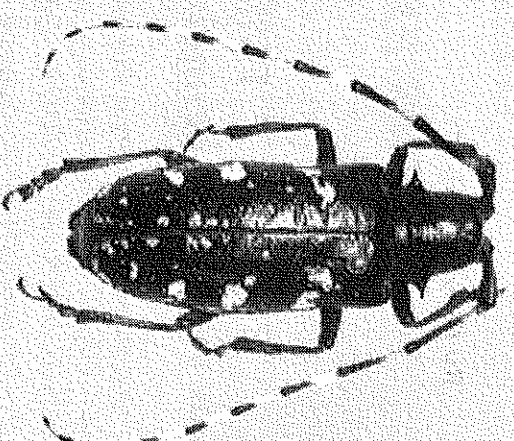
FMl-www.albmaine.org.

To prevent the spread of these pests, remember to leave your fire-

wood at home. Keep an eye on trees and ornamental plants which have been brought in from out of state, and remove your bird feeders from April until hard frost. Be alert to the trees on your property and around town. If you suspect any of these pests, check the above mentioned websites and call Allison Kanoti at the Maine Forest Service Insect and Disease Lab at 207-287-3147, or e-mail her at allison.m.kanoti@maine.gov. Another source of information is www.maineforestservice.gov/InvasiveThreats.htm.

If a pest is affecting a town tagged tree, contact Tree Warden Rick Griffin at 468-8470. Help keep our town trees healthy, beautiful, and green.

Pictured at right: Asian Longhorned Beetle, top; Emerald Ash Borer, bottom.



Town meetings now available on-line

All of the town meetings that are televised over cable channels 2 and 16 are now also available on-line. This service is provided by a York County company, Town Hall Streams. Meetings can be streamed live as they are broadcast, or they can be accessed at a later time for up to one year following the initial broadcast. This service provides convenience to residents who wish to watch a particular meeting in a time convenient to them. It also

makes the meetings accessible to residents who do not subscribe to Time Warner Cable, to seasonal residents, and to property owners who live outside of town. To access meetings on-line, you can visit the Town's website (www.kennebunkportme.gov) and click on the blue button for online meetings, or visit the Town Hall Streams website (www.townhallstreams.com).

Kings Highway intersection improvements scheduled in fall

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

Work to raise the road elevation above flood stage at the intersection of Kings Highway and Dyke Road will take place beginning this September. Flooding has been a recurring problem during extreme weather or at very high tides. Water depths at the intersection can exceed 3 feet during flooding, cutting off access to and from houses at the western end of Kings Highway. As the number of year-round homes and extended-year seasonal homes increases, so to have public safety concerns related

to police, fire and rescue services.

The Town's engineering consultant, Woodard and Curran, has secured the required permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corp of Engineers. The road improvements will extend from the Dyke Road bridge at Smith Brook to King's Highway, and then west to the pump station. The Town will work with property owners on Dyke Road and Kings Highway to minimize impacts on affected properties.

Town of Kennebunkport Goose Rocks Beach Summer Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash and recycling collection occurs on Fridays in the Goose Rocks Beach area in the spring, fall, and winter.

In the summer, the collection schedule changes to the Saturday of Memorial Day to the Saturday, after Labor Day weekend.

Summer Of 2011 Collection Days

Saturday, May 28, 2011
through
Saturday, September 10, 2011

*Recycling will be picked up
every Saturday during this time.*

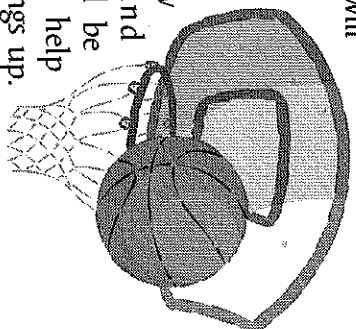
The schedule returns to Friday pickup starting
September 16, 2011.

Hours of collection start at 6:30 a.m.

Park Improvements

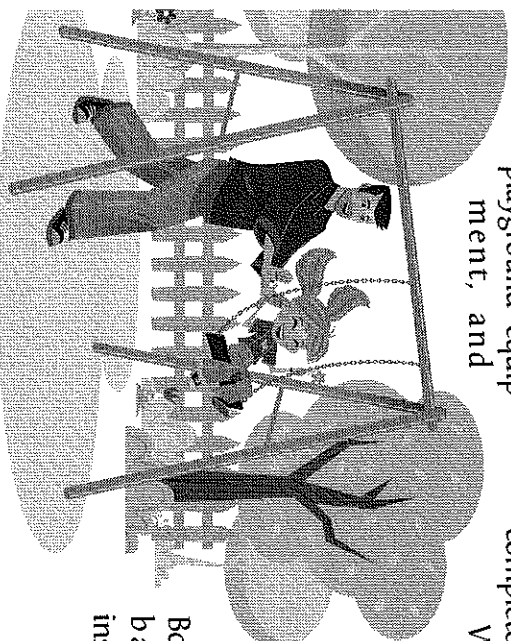
By Carol Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation

Beachwood Park is getting a makeover at no taxpayer expense. Following suggestions made by Eric Welzel, a representative of Miracle Playgrounds, the layout of the park will be somewhat changed. The playground equipment is too spread out, not welcoming to small children. So, a new retaining wall will be built, the swings will be moved closer to the other playground equipment, and



new grass will be planted where the swings used to be. New shrubs and plants will be added to help spruce things up. All of this will be

completed on June 8 as a United Way Day of Caring project to be done by the Portside Rotarians using funds from their bottle collection program at the police station. Also, thanks to the generosity of Bob Ory, new basketball backboards will be installed.



Senior Trip Opportunities

The Parks & Recreation Department is working on a full slate of trips for the upcoming months. We are planning trips to the Owls Head Transportation Museum, Lowell Mills National Historic Site, the OOB Pavilion, the Coastal Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor, Hackmatack Playhouse and Johnson's Restaurant, the

Farrsworth Museum, and Bowdoin College to whet your appetite. Details are yet to be released and may soon be found on our cable channels 2 and 16, in local newspapers, and on the Town's webpage www.kennebunkportme.gov as recreation news. We also welcome your suggestions.

New drop box at Graves Library



Graves Library Director Mary Lou Boucouvalis shows off the new drop box available to library patrons for their convenience after hours. The drop box is insulated in order to protect books, CD's and DVD's from moisture.

Renewable

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community has adopted a "Go Green" philosophy focusing on solutions, not problems. Every classroom is equipped with environmental lesson plans and materials, teaching students through science, math, reading, and writing. Last year, the school community raised \$21,000, which was then matched by Solar Market to put up a \$42,000 solar array. With the wind turbine coming online, the students will now be able to do all kinds of exciting coursework around renewable energy right in their town.

Students will still get the educational benefits of the wind turbine. Every day, they can access information about the energy production of the wind turbine right from their computers. Students will work to compare and contrast wind production during different seasons. They will use critical thinking skills about why different seasons produce different results. They will learn that the summer months produce the least wind in Maine. They can ask questions like "What weather patterns are good for wind

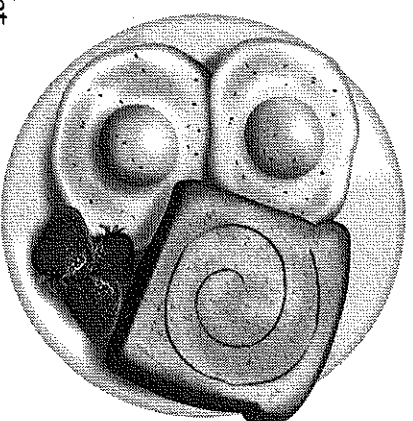
production?" What makes this project even more powerful from an educational standpoint is that now students have two unique forms of renewable energy to study.

The students at Consolidated are not the only ones who can learn from this project. Residents will also have access to the data. Now, with residential size wind turbines at two prominent locations in our town (one at the police station and one at the local summer home of a former US President) people in town can use this information and the solar energy production information at the school to learn more about renewable energy for their homes and businesses. Going forward, the Town will have real life data to make informed zoning decisions around these types of systems.

Together, we can learn more about renewable energy, foster discussions on how to produce more energy independently, and how to better plan for projects in the future. Most importantly, it provides us grownups with something far more valuable, an opportunity to actively show our kids we are willing to learn new ways to provide for their future.

Benefit Breakfast

Portside Rotary will be hosting a benefit breakfast at the Nonantum Resort on Saturday, June 11, from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. The cost is \$9.95/person for the breakfast buffet.



Summer Recreation Staff Assembled

Carol Cook, director of Parks & Recreation, is pleased to announce the summer staff. Raven Dufoe, Katherine Sandoval, Katey Anderson, Richelle Records, Will Fulford, Jeremiah Cook, Katie Brochu, Chase Graves, Emilie Brady, Dwight Philbrick, and Ben

Robinson will share in the challenge of making this the best summer ever! Their past experience and better planning will lead to a variety of changes and many great new activities. Spread the word, and join the fun!

Kennebunkport Public Officials

Board of Selectmen

D. Michael Weston, Chair; Stuart E. Barwise, Vice-Chair
Allen A. Daggett, Mathew J. Lanigan, Sheila Matthews-Bull

Town Manager

Larry S. Mead

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Oil paintings in town office connect to Kennebunkport's past

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

Five oil paintings that hang in Town Hall depict scenes from the Kenneth Roberts novel, *The Lively Lady*. The paintings are the work of artist, Anton Otto Fisher, a highly regarded marine artist during the middle of the 20th century. The painting pictured to the right is named *American Privateers*. It has been in the Town's possession since at least 1942. It graces the cover of the 1942-43 annual *Town Report*, which notes that it then hung in the office of the Selectmen. It is not known how the Town came into possession of these oil paintings, which were done in the 1930s. Roberts, for many years a resident of Kennebunkport, used the experiences of men from Arundel (as Kennebunkport was then known) during the war of 1812 as the basis for his writing of *The Lively Lady*, which was first published in the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1931.

uation and advice.

The following narrative on the painting *American Privateers* and the novel, *The Lively Lady*, appeared in the 1942-43 *Town Report*.

The cover of this year's *Town Report*, the original of which hangs in the Selectmen's office, shows an Arundel privateer sloop in chase of a British merchantman in the War of 1812. Two privateers sailed from Arundel in that war. The first was a sloop, *The Gleaner*, with a crew of fifty. She took two prizes and was then captured herself. The second was a brig, *The MacDonough*, with a crew of seventy, most of the residents of Arundel.

The *MacDonough*, armed with a long 24-inch pivot gun and four 6-pound cannonades, was captured after a five hour chase which only ended when the *MacDonough's* topmasts carried away. Her captor was the British frigate, *Bacchante*, whose captain was Frederick Marryat, a famous writer of sea stories.

The Arundel men were first carried to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Some remained there, but twenty-seven were transferred to England in a ship-of-the-line. They were received in Dartmoor Prison on the Heights of Dartmoor on December 17, 1814, and were in prison No. 4 all winter and through the Dartmoor massacre in April, 1815. Their incarceration coincides exactly with that of Josiah



Original oil painting, *American Privateers*, hanging in Town Hall.

Cobb, whose *Green Hands First Cruise* is one of the great source-books on privateering and Dartmoor Prison in the War of 1812. Kenneth Roberts used their experiences as background for his novel, *The Lively Lady*.

From the Dartmoor Prison records, the officers of *The MacDonough* were: Joseph Weeks, Captain; Daniel Nason, Sailing Master; Moses Burbak, First Lieutenant; Joshua Robinson, Second Lieutenant; Prize Masters Abner Stone, Joseph Perkins, James Fairfield, and Joseph Lord. Nathaniel Ward was carpenter. Master Mates were: Dormer (Dummer) Lord, John Lord, Robert Patten, and Samuel Perkins. The ship's boy was Benjamin Lord, twelve years old. The rest of the crew were listed as seamen, but many had been masters of their own vessels before sailing in *The*

MacDonough. They were: Israel Dornan, Jesse March, Jonathan Stone, Nathan Patten, William Townson, Robert Towan (Towne), James Mitchell, Nathan Roberts, Nathan Walker, George Perkins, Ebbin Avrill, Peter White, and Ebenezer White.

"Officers and men alike received the same scant furnishings: one hammock; one thin pancake of a mattress, stuffed with something that felt like wet paper; one threadbare blanket to keep out the bitter fogs of a Dartmoor winter. And a hundred years later no one in Arundel or Maine remembered how they fared, or what they did for Maine and America."

All these men were released on July 3, 1815, except for Jesse March and Captain Jonathan Stone, who had died in Dartmoor.

Town of Kennebunkport ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Village Fire Station, 32 North Street
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Election of Officers and Referendum Questions
And

Consolidated School Auditorium, 25 School Street
Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 9:00 am
Funding and Non-Funding Articles

Town holidays observed (Town offices closed)

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Washington's
Birthday/Presidents' Day
Patriots' Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas