



# GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER



MAY 2017

**SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER-** We would like to encourage all residents to attend the RSU 24 public forum on next year's school budget. This meeting will take place May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Sumner Memorial High School gymnasium. This is an important meeting for residents' voices to be heard as we face ever increasing costs and the threat of rising property taxes. A friendly reminder that property tax payments were due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet made your payment please come to the town office as soon as possible or promptly mail your payment. Preparations are already underway here at the town office for this year's annual town meeting. Mark your calendars for voting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Gouldsboro Community Center followed by our town meeting at Peninsula School on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**TOWN CLERK-** Another reminder to keep a check on your car registration-we are no longer sending out the yellow reminder cards!!  
\*\*\*\*Starting July 1st we will have new Town Office hours ~ Monday 8-4 Tuesday 8-5 Wednesday 8-4 Thursday 8-5 & Friday 8-1\*\*\*\*  
**The Town Office will be closed for Training Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-1PM and Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> all day in observance for Memorial Day.** \*\*Seeds for Schools\*\* **Anderson Marine & Hardware** will **DONATE** all proceeds from the sales of Hart's Seeds to the RSU 24 Gardens! From simple flower beds to full hoop houses, the programs at our schools teach this important life skill as part of the Math and Science curriculum. For more information, call 422-3542. *"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."* ~Audrey Hepburn

**VETERANS COMMITTEE-** The Memorial Day parade will start off the events at Fisher Field forming up at 8 a.m. The parade begins at 9 a.m. and will proceed to the Veterans Memorial area at the Prospect Harbor Woman's Club parking lot. Parade participants are encouraged to include floats, antique or classic vehicles, businesses, trucks, walkers, pet walkers and bicyclists. Guest Speaker is Shawn Goodwin of the Maine Veterans Project. Shawn is a Veterans Advocate and inspires services to veterans such as suicide prevention and other health issues. A memorial wreath will be placed at the Veterans Memorial. Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony. In case of rain, the ceremony and refreshments will be held inside the building. Parade participation labels are available for ALL veterans whether they walk or ride. The labels are free and may be applied to the walking sticks or in an album if desired. The Veterans Walking Sticks are free and available at the Cole Transportation Museum in Bangor.

**HARDY'S FRIENDS** – Spring Cleaning? Consider donating gently used furniture and household items you no longer need to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hardy's Friends Yard Sale. Proceeds from our September sale support the work we do on behalf of family pets in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, as well as a scholarship fund for a Sumner graduate going on to study veterinary medicine. Your donations are tax deductible. Please call Susan at 963-7444 or Glenn at 266-9699 to arrange pick up.

**SCHOODIC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Trade Day ~ The Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce is making plans to enjoy Trade Day on May 20, 2017. Selling and finding those special bargains makes the day fun for everyone. The towns of Winter Harbor, Gouldsboro, Sullivan, Sorrento and Franklin are included in the Schoodic Area Chamber and the Chamber will be sponsoring local advertising to bring folks to the area. Please make your preparations for your own yard sale and help make this a worthwhile event.

**RSU 24** - It is a busy time of year for the school board with budget development and the many other aspects of providing education to our communities. At our last budget and finance meeting, many of the Gouldsboro town budget committee members attended to share their opinions and gain a better sense of our process. We are always pleased to have members of the public attend our meetings and participate in the exchange of ideas. It is through meaningful conversations that strong communities are built. As Gouldsboro's school board member, I do hope that those who attended recognized the due diligence our committee puts forth in creating a fiscally responsible budget that adequately funds the educational needs of our students. As the State continues to decrease its contributions, defying the voters' wishes, more responsibility is being shouldered by our local dollars. We are working hard to streamline services without impacting quality for our kids. The challenges that face education today are many and we welcome your input. Our upcoming meetings are: Tuesday, May 2nd @5:30: Personnel followed by School Board @6:30, Tuesday, May 9th @5:30: Budget and Finance followed by Educ. Programming at 6:30 and Tuesday, May 16th @5:30: Facilities and Transportation. The listed meetings are at the RSU24 district office in Sullivan and times are posted on our website. If you have any questions, concerns or thoughts to share, I can be reached at [ajohnson@rsu24.org](mailto:ajohnson@rsu24.org), 963-4147 or 460-6828.  
Alison Johnson

**SCHOODIC ARTS FOR ALL-** Schoodic Peninsula benefit bicycle ride for Schoodic Arts for All, June 17th (18th rain date). Registration is from 9 am to 10 am at Hammond Hall, 427 Main Street, Winter Harbor, ME. Ride begins at 10:30 am at Fraser Point and is approximately 13 miles. After the ride there will be a POTLUCK LUNCH at Hammond Hall at 12 pm. Any donation to Schoodic Arts For All will be greatly appreciated. National Park Pass is required.

**ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB-** The Acadian Community Woman's Club is hosting a 5K race, "**Moms on the Run**", on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to fundraise for their scholarship funds. The race is open to runners *and walkers*. You may preregister by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Free t-shirt for the first 25 Moms to sign up! Registration forms and additional race details are available on the club's [Facebook page](#). Race day registration is from 7:30-8:30 am at the Peninsula Grammar School in Prospect Harbor. There is a 1 mile fun run at 8:30 am. The 5K starts at 9:00 am and follows a route through Prospect Harbor. Questions may be directed to 207-963-2036.

**SCHOODIC INSTITUTE** Free Public Events: **Brown Bag Lunch** - May 11, 2017 : 12 Noon - 1 PM. No registration needed. Bring your lunch. **Wendell Gilley Museum:** Where People, Nature & Art Meet. Wendell Gilley Museum Director, Sean Charette, presents an interesting program on the history and work of the Southwest Harbor museum. **Schoodic's Returning Songbirds:** Identify by Sight and Sound - May 9, May 11, & May 23, 2017. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Meet at Fraser Point, Winter Harbor. Two hour birding tour focusing on spring migration. Dress for weather - Bring binoculars. \*Space is limited. Call 288-1356 to register for date choice. **Author Deborah Cramer:** The making of '*The Narrow Edge*' - May 18, 2017. 7:00 - 8:00 PM Moore Auditorium, Institute campus. No registration required. Hear how small sandpipers make their extraordinary migration from one end of the earth to the other. **National Junior Ranger Day & International Migratory Bird Day** - May 20, 2017. 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Celebrate spring with a field day full of free family activities and events. National Jr. Ranger & International Migratory Bird Day are geared towards children ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. Meet at Eliot Hall, Institute campus. No registration required. **Join the conversation!** Visit [www.SchoodicInstitute.org](http://www.SchoodicInstitute.org) to sign-up for our monthly newsletter, or connect with us on Facebook at Schoodic Institute, and on Instagram and Twitter @SchoodicInst.

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**FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY**

**May 6, Card Brook Clean Up.** Frenchman Bay Conservancy and The City of Ellsworth are partnering to host a clean-up event for Card Brook, which flows through Ellsworth. Join us in celebration of Earth Day! Breakfast treats will be available for all participants and gift cards to local businesses will be raffled! Starts at 9:30 am. To register: eileen@frenchmanbay.org or 422-2328. **May 6, Rockweed Rodeo-** Join Downeast Conservation Network, Frenchman Bay Partners, and FBC for a fun, free, and family friendly event all about rockweed! Come learn about current rockweed research and policy, then get your feet wet checking out the rockweed beds at Sullivan Falls. Plus, you'll learn how you can get involved with rockweed research on your own property. Free public event with snacks and drinks provided. Kids welcome with their families! Event will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Contact Anica: coordinator@downeastconservationnetwork.org or 664-9374 to register. **Spring Hike Series-** Join Frenchman Bay Conservancy and Downeast Senior College for a series of hikes this spring! Hikes are free and open to the public! All walks will be led by FBC volunteers or staff and are easy to moderate difficulty level to accommodate a wide range of ability levels. All hikes begin at 9:30 am. For more information: eileen@frenchmanbay.org or 422-2328. **May 13, 2017,** Old Pond Railway Trail in Hancock \*Fred Yost will be leading a bird hike! **May 20, 2017,** Simon Trail in Lamoine **May 27, 2017,** Indian Point Preserve in Ellsworth **June 10, 2017,** Branch Lake Public Forest in Ellsworth **May 20 Indian Point Preserve Clean Up** Frenchman Bay Conservancy and the Ellsworth Rotary Club will host a clean-up event at FBC's Indian Point Preserve in Ellsworth. Clean up begins at 9:00 am. All volunteers are welcome! **May 25 Lecture at Ellsworth Public Library** Aaron Dority, Executive Director at Frenchman Bay Conservancy, will present The Future of Downeast Maine: how our decisions affect this place and the legacy that we leave for our children. Talk begins at 5:00 pm. **June 2 Darthia Farm Tour** Join Shepsi Eaton & Liz Moran and Bill & Cynthia Thayer for a tour of Darthia Farm in Gouldsboro, ME. Check out the greenhouses, what's being harvested, and the farm animals. Frenchman Bay Conservancy holds a conservation easement on Darthia Farm, protecting the wildlife habitat, shoreline, and forested areas of the farm forever. The farm tour is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. Please register in advance: eileen@frenchmanbay.org or 422-2328. For more information on community events:

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The first meeting of the 2017 season will be on Monday, May 1, at 7:00pm in the Young-Webber Hall at the G.H.S. headquarters (88 Old Route 1, West Bay). Members of the Young and Holland families will share their memories of The Charles Young-Bud Holland West Bay Garage (1945-2015). Public Welcomed ~ Light Refreshments will be available following the program. Donations Appreciated ~ For more information call: 963-7217

**DORCAS LIBRARY-** **Saturday, April 29, 3-5pm** Maine AllCare dedicated to promoting universal, high quality and affordable health care for the people of Maine. Free film and discussion. Everyone welcome. **Saturday, May 20, 8-2pm.** Dorcas Library Bake sale fundraising event. Get your goodies and save room for dessert! **Saturday, May 13, 3-5pm.** Dorcas Library Historical chat. Stories about the Ice House, Watering Cove, the Great Storm of 1887/88 and changes that brought the Dorcas Society to build a library. Come with your questions and view our new interpretative sign in front. **Sunday, May 21, 3-5pm.** Have you ever bought something you already owned because it was easier than finding the thing you had? Do you find yourself misplacing keys, glasses or small children? Are you feeling overwhelmed and edgy over things you may have forgotten to do? All are welcome to join organizational habits expert Janie Downey Maxwell at the Dorcas Library on **Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m.** to learn how to get more done. From big projects to everyday tasks, Maxwell can help bring organizational peace into your life. Participants should bring a pad of paper and something to write with. This program is free and no registration is required. **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 18, 2-4pm,** Enchanted Tea Party. Looking for something special and fun to do? Fun for the whole family! Special prizes for Fathers who attend! Enjoy delicious cookies and scones, tea cakes and sandwiches. Plenty of delicious hot and cold beverages to try. \$10 per person; \$30 for family of four! Reserve your tickets at the library!

**BUDGET COMMITTEE-** \*\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*\* **Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. RSU 24 Public forum on School Budget for next year- Sumner Memorial High School gymnasium.** The Board of Directors will present the proposed budget and it's relation to the School Units overall Strategic Plan, hear comments, and voters will have an opportunity to ask questions and cast votes on the budget warrant articles at this District Budget Meeting. All eligible district voters are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-** MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> THRU APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>

3-29	Chad McLean- 10 E. Schoodic Drive	Replace/expand deck	4-6	William & Ellen Barker/Jeff Grant 99 Main Street	Demo/Garage
3-29	Norma Murray- 33 Pond Road	New modular home	4/18	Jason & Becky Follette 417 Pond Road	House
4-6	Patricia & Mark Shareiko 1 Old County Road	Addition & Bathroom	4/18	Laurie & Terrence O'Shea 2 Whitetail Lane	Cabin
4-6	Nicholas Speranzo/ Jeff Grant 186 Whitten Rd	Handicapped Ramp	4/20	Frank Hammond 685 S Gouldsboro Road	Demo

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (MAY 2017)**

<b>May 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Town Office Training (8am-1pm)/opening late</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Veteran's Committee Meeting</b>	<b>1-3 PM</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Planning Board Meeting</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Shellfish Meeting</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Planning Board Meeting</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Harbor Committee</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PTC Meeting- Peninsula School</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Trade Day</b>	<b>8 AM-2 PM</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Town Office Closed- Memorial Day</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Road Committee</b>	<b>6 PM</b>