



# FRYE ISLAND NEWS SERVICE

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All Fire, Medical or Police Emergencies-Call 911

Non-Emergency Numbers

Frye Island Police—(207) 749-1666

**TOWN OF FRYE ISLAND OFFICE HOURS**  
**TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY**  
**9:00AM-3:00PM**  
**SUNDAY & MONDAY CLOSED**

All E-Mail for the FINS Should Now Be Addressed to the Following: [nmcenaney@fryeisland.com](mailto:nmcenaney@fryeisland.com)

## Island Manager Comments

**Long Beach Marina & Quail Circle Canal:** The docks have been installed at the Long Beech Marina. The final slip assignments are posted on our web page and will be posted at the Marina. The fees for 2004 are as follows:

- Marina Equity Slips \$375.00
- Marina Rental \$900.00
- Quail Circle \$200.00

In addition, if you use any of the Yacht Club slips, you will have to purchase a \$5.00 sticker that will have to be displayed on your boat. The police officer will be patrolling the Marina and Quail Circle periodically to insure that the boats in the Marina are allowed there and they are in the right slip. Remember, by policy, the Yacht Club fees have to be paid by Memorial Day. We have ordered 5 new docks, 10 new slips to be installed on the beach side of the Marina. These will be installed by the end of May. Once they are in the new slip assignments will be posted.

If you are installing a dock at Quail Circle, please make sure you install it correctly so that it doesn't infringe upon your neighbors space.

**Ferry Service:** We have made a number of changes in the ferry service. Kevin LaMarre is now serving as head captain and his wife Sue is providing the administrative support. All of the handouts now available when you board the ferries can be credited to Sue. Hopefully these will help keep you up to date on the operation of the ferry service. I would like to clarify some mis-conceptions concerning the ferry operation that I have heard already.

First, we have heard a few people say that the \$3.00 increase in ticket price is being used to renovate the office trailer but that is not accurate. This winter I learned that the roof on the trailer had been leaking for quite a while. Attempts to patch it over the years had been unsuccessful. In addition, the front door to the trailer could not be shut tightly and the second door had been completely blocked eliminating a second means of egress and creating a potential safety issue. In March, after the snow had melted, we got a proposal to build a new roof, add new doors and to attach a small storage shed to keep the supplies that had been blocking the second door. We also needed a place to store the increasing number of packages we are getting from Islanders shopping on line. The selectmen approved this expenditure.



Second, the three dollar increase in the user fees was approved at the October 2003 Town Meeting and was made effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2004. This increase is designated to go directly into the Ferry Reserve to cover future capital improvements. This winter we had all four engines, (two per ferry), rebuilt by mechanics from Maine Marine Diesel, and the transmissions were removed and sent to the factory to be rebuilt. This cost us in excess of \$40,000 which just about depleted what we had in the Ferry Reserve. These rebuilds should prevent any major failures in the near future. We did identify some serious problems that would have resulted in failures and significant downtime had the repairs not been completed. Both of the ferries are now more than thirty years old and both need to be painted soon. It is also very possible that one or both will need to be replaced or modified in the future. We are not sure of the ultimate solution but there is no doubt it will be expensive. We may even find that we have to add another ferry to the fleet to accommodate the inevitable growth. The increase in the fee for both property owners and non-property owners is intended to build a reserve for these anticipated expenditures. It only seems right to me that this user fee be part of the funding mechanism for this reserve.

Third, a lot of time was spent this winter reviewing the past two years ferry usage reports to help us establish a ferry schedule for the 2004 season based on previous usage. We also determined that the cost to operate the ferry averaged about \$70.00 per hour in 2003. When we reviewed the usage reports, we identified the times that the ferry was scheduled but had little if any passengers. Most, if not all, of these times were the late night / early morning runs. Because of that lack of usage, these hours were originally eliminated from the schedule in an effort to help run the ferry operation as cost effectively as possible. Since that first schedule was published we have adjusted it because of issues that have been brought to our attention. This whole process has brought a few things to my attention. The one most glaring issue for me is the timing of the preparation of the operating budget and the preparation of the ferry schedule. Right now we prepare and approve the budget in September and October and then we establish the ferry operating schedule the following February. This process seems backwards to me. I don't see any reason why we can't establish the schedule during the summer and then prepare the ferry operating budget to meet the approved schedule. Therefore, I am going to hold an open meeting / workshop on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in the Community Center to discuss the schedule, and the ferry operating policy. If you want input into this process please plan to attend.

Everyone associated with the ferry service is doing their best to enforce the policies and fees that have been established for the operation of the ferry. I personally think they are doing a great job of it. If you have a complaint, don't take it out on them they are just performing their job. If you have complements please let them know. If you have complaints come see me.

**Public Works:** We have also made some changes in the Public Works department. John Crosby has taken over and he and his crew have done a great job opening the Island and getting the roads in shape for the season. We are in the process of evaluating a different material that can be applied to the roads for dust control. As we get more info, we will let you know. The hours of operation for the transfer station and the procedures that will be followed are explained elsewhere in this FINS. Just remember, there will be no door to door pick-ups this year. Everyone is responsible for bringing their own trash to the transfer station. We are also looking at developing a fee schedule for the transfer station that will be presented at the July meeting for those items that the Town is charged to dispose of over and above the charge for normal trash. This includes "white goods", propane cylinders etc.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Paul White has been appointed as the new CEO replacing Bill Foye who resigned at the end of last season. Bill will continue to serve as our Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) until Paul completes his LPI certification. Paul will be available on Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:30 to noon for now.

**Elections:** Elections for Town and FII officers will be held at the July 5<sup>th</sup> town meeting. The following vacancies will be on the ballot:

- **Selectman:** In accordance with the town charter, the Selectmen must be elected, at large, by the Voters of the Town. There are three selectmen, each elected to fill a three year term. These terms are staggered so that each year a Selectman's position becomes open. To be eligible to run for the Board of Selectmen, an individual must be a Town of Frye Island Voter and remain a voter throughout the term of office. All candidates interested in running for the open position of Selectman should give notice at least 14 days before the Annual Town Meeting so that the candidates name can appear on the Warrant. If you are interested please notify the town office no later than June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Board of Island Trustees:** We will be voting to fill one three year term at this year's Town meeting. To be eligible for this position, the candidate "must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and an owner of real property located within the Town of Frye Island with a fixed home currently occupied by the person". To be eligible to vote, an individual must meet the same qualifications.
- **Frye Island Inc, Board of Directors:** There are 9 one year terms on the Board elected each year at the Stockholders meeting held concurrently with the town meeting. To be eligible to run for this office, a candidate must be a stockholder (lot owner) in FII. Only stockholders are eligible to vote for the candidates.
- **Representative to School board on SAD #6:**

These are all very important positions in the operation of our Town. We have been extremely fortunate to have had many very qualified and dedicated people in these positions. Don't underestimate the commitment required to fill these positions. These are not "figure head" positions. They require a considerable amount of time and effort to execute them effectively. If you want to take on this challenge please let us know in the office as soon as possible and no later than June 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can post the candidates names in the FINS and on our web site. If you are not ready to run for elected office at this time, at least attend the meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**SAD #6** There will be a public hearing at 11:00 A.M on Saturday May 29th at the Community Center when the SAD #6 budget for FY 2004/2005 will be presented. The actual vote on the referendum will be held on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Asset Transfer:** Just a reminder about the Frye Island Incorporated proposal to transfer some of its assets to the Town at the July stockholders meeting. If you can't be at the meeting to vote in person please be sure to forward the proxy ballot that was in the winter news letter to the office. This is a very important vote so please exercise your right to vote on these issues.

**Police Activity:** Nothing to report this week.

Have a safe week!  
Wayne

<b>FRYE ISLAND GOLF CLUB</b> <b>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</b> <b>1 FAIRWAY LANE</b> <b>655-3551</b>	<u><b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b></u> (Before Memorial Day Weekend) Monday – Thursday Closed Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u><b>RATES</b></u> <u><b>Greens Fee:</b></u> Weekend \$28.00 Weekday \$18.00 Weekday Youth \$10.00 Twilight (after 5 p.m.) \$13.00
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**REMINDER:** Memberships have to be renewed. If you are not a member and would like to be call or visit the pro shop for information.

**SUNDAY MORNING SCRAMBLE** – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Sign in by 7:45 a.m. or call 655-3551 to let us know that you will be playing. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2004:**

May 22	Kick-off Classic
May 29	Ryder Cup Member-Member
June 5	Outside
June 19 or 26	Outside
July 3	Steak & Hotdog
July 17 or 24	East vs. West
August 7	Member-Guest
August 14	Rally for a Cure
September 4	President’s Cup
September 11&12	Outside
September 25	Shoot out
October 9	October’s Best

**LEISURE LOUNGE**  
**1 FAIRWAY LANE**  
 (adjacent to the golf pro shop)  
 655-3551

**Lounge Hours**  
 (Before Memorial Day Weekend)  
 Monday – Thursday Closed  
 Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Midnight  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come to Leisure Lounge to meet old and new friends. We offer a full bar, complimentary coffee and popcorn. \$1.00 hot dogs, \$5.00 pizza’s, \$3.00 root beer floats, and other snacks are also available.

Sports fans, we do have satellite television.

**TURKEY DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**COCTAILS 5:00 p.m.**  
**DINNER 6:00 p.m.**  
**PRICE \$10.00 per person**

Space is limited, sign up at the clubhouse.

*Our condolences go out to Bill Tessier and his family. Bill’s father passed away recently*

## **Transfer Station Fees And Operating Hours**

There are several changes in the way we will operate the former brush dump. One of the changes is the name. It is now called "The Town of Frye Island Transfer Station." Here are a few of the changes;

There will no longer be curbside trash pickup. For those interested in hiring a private source, the "Trashy Women," (who picked up trash curbside last year) would be interested. They can be reached at 998-3128.

The Transfer Station gate will be open 24 hours a day for walk through only, for the following items:

- All bagged household trash, flattened cardboard and separated recyclables at no charge.

The transfer station will be open for drive through and an attendant will be present for all other items for disposal. The hours are as follows:

- Wednesday 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Saturday 8:30am – 2:30pm
- Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

We anticipate that property owners needing to deposit anything other than bagged household trash, cardboard and separated recyclables will need a transfer station sticker. Transfer station stickers can be obtained at the Town Office or at the Transfer Station (proof of property ownership will be needed i.e., tax bill, electric bill etc). A small fee may be charged for the sticker.

A small fee may be charged for disposal of most items. The fee will range in size depending on the amount and type of debris being disposed of. A full list of materials and fees will be posted in the FINS and at the Transfer Station.

We are also considering allowing contractors to dump construction materials and brush if they meet the following requirements:

- Purchase of a special contractors transfer permit sticker
- Proof material comes from an island job
- There is room in the dumpster
- The contractor loads the dumpster
- Pay the appropriate fee for the debris

This will only be allowed on Wednesdays during regular transfer station operating hours. Fees will be posted in the FINS and at the transfer station. These fees will be much higher than the property owner fees.

**FINES WILL BE INSTITUTED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING.**

Thanks for your cooperation,  
John Crosby  
Director of Public Works  
Town of Frye Island