

# *Frye Island News Service*

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## **ATTENTION ALL PROPERTY OWNERS**

### **Island Closing:**

I know that there are many of you that haven't been able to come to the island lately and probably haven't heard that Sappi Fine Papers will be lowering the lake level to an elevation of 261' beginning October 1st. Sappi has the FERC license to operate the Eel Weir Dam at the outlet of the lake. This license requires that they lower the lake level to an elevation of 261 feet twice in nine years and this is one of those years. At an elevation of 261 feet, the ferries will be on the bottom on the mainland. An elevation of 262 feet, which we anticipate to be on the weekend of October 22, is below the safe operating level for larger vehicles which includes emergency vehicles. For that reason, and the fact that the hinges and the apron on the island ferry ramp have to be repaired this fall, the Island will close for the season on Sunday October 22nd this year.

The last ferry will run from the Island to the Mainland at 9:00 PM that day.

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# Important Information

## **Town of Frye Island**

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Email: [office@fryeisland.com](mailto:office@fryeisland.com)  
Web site: [www.fryeisland.com](http://www.fryeisland.com)  
Town Manager: Wayne Fournier

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Sunday & Monday: Closed

### **Code Enforcement Officer (Paul White)**

Tuesday thru Fridays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

## **Fire, Medical, or Police Emergencies – Call 911**

### **Non-emergencies**

Frye Island Police: 207-655-2600  
Email: [wilgetm@maine.rr.com](mailto:wilgetm@maine.rr.com)  
Fire Department: 207-655-8618

### **A Note from the Office**

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address (before the island closes) so that you may receive any important correspondence as well as the winter newsletter.

Speaking of current e-mails and important correspondence, we just sent out a huge volume of e-mail to let folks know about the Island Closing. Because of our internet provider with a limit on e-mail distribution, you may have received this notice as bulk mail or spam. You may want to add us to your approval mail. We also sent out a large volume of snail mail for folks who have not yet given us their e-mail. The latter is a large expense.

Also, before the island closes, you may want to check the mail in our post office. There appears to be a large volume of unclaimed mail in the alphabetical slots.

### **FINS**

This week - Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> will be our last issue of FINS for the 2006 season.

## **Frye Island News Service**

Editor: Lisa Kerrigan  
Email: [lkerrigan@fryeisland.com](mailto:lkerrigan@fryeisland.com)

Submission deadline:

Wednesday, 3:00 PM - **No Exceptions**

## **Transfer Station / Public Works**

Because of the low water conditions all containers have been removed from the transfer station. From now until closing we are **only accepting bagged household trash** for disposal.

\*THANKS\*

I would like to thank Ken Thurston, Rich Purtell, Eric Berube and Joe Needham, our work crew for another great season! Thanks guys!

Thanks to our volunteer workers, Cappy, Ernie Wrzesinsky, John Nun and Steve Kaplan, they never say no!

Thanks to Wayne Fournier, the Board of Selectmen and all Property Owners for their support of our department.

Thanks to Lisa Kerrigan, Deb Edwards and Calvin Nutting for all of your (constant) help.

HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WINTER!

JOHN CROSBY

## **Attention All Property Owners**

As we quickly approach the end of our season here on the Island, this reminder goes out to all while closing up your properties for the season – **be sure to disconnect your waterline** from the Town System **and leave it disconnected** to avoid getting water in your piping when lines are abandoned.

## **Office Closing**

As you know, the office moves to a winter location. Copiers, fax machine, computers, phone system etc. will need to be off island before October 22<sup>nd</sup>. With this in mind, please conduct any business you have by the close of business on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will still be open, but our resources will be very limited.



# Town News

## Island Manager's Comments

Greetings Everyone,

**Town Meeting:** The Annual Meeting, which included the Town Meeting and the FII stockholders meeting, was held last Saturday at the Community Center. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. The meeting was opened at 9:00 AM and Joe Potts was elected to serve as the Moderator for the meeting. There were two elections held. In the first, John Nun was re-elected to serve a three year term as Selectman. In the second, Bob Miner was elected to a three year term as a BIT representative on the Executive Committee replacing Jim O'Connor. Jim decided not to run for another term. Both John and Bob ran unopposed.

In addition to the elections mentioned above, there were 11 other articles on the Town warrant. The general governmental budget was presented which includes the budget for all of the municipal services provided. This budget included a \$71,440 contribution to the Water Reserve for improvements to the water distribution system. It was explained that a factor used in the property assessing process for improved lots, (defined as the installation of a septic system) was increased from \$8000.00 to \$16,541. This effectively increased the taxes for each lot on the island with an installed septic system by \$152.00. The \$152.00 will be applied to the Water Reserve and considered to be the existing home owner's share of the water system improvements. At a meeting held earlier in the fall, the Board increased the fees charged for water system connections significantly, Almost 90% of this fee will be contributed to the Water Reserve for water system improvements. The non municipal budget was also presented. This consists of the required expenditures for SAD #6, Cumberland County and the Maine Bond Bank loan payment. The municipal portion of the budget creates a tax rate of \$7.69 per \$1000 of value, the non-municipal budget created a tax rate of \$9.95 per \$1000 of value for a total of \$17.64 per \$1000. Following a question and answer period, the budget as presented passed the BIT vote 70 to 0 and the Town 20 to 0. Six other generic articles passed both BIT and the Town unanimously.

The Planning Board presented 2 articles to revise the Land Use Ordinance which passed both the BIT and the Town. A third Planning Board article which would have prohibited cutting trees on unimproved lots, except as part of a building permit, failed the BIT vote with 33 voters' casting votes in favor and 42 votes opposed.

Because this article failed to pass the BIT vote, it was not presented to the Town.

The final article presented was to establish the price of the ferry tickets for 2007. The proposal of \$24.00 for the ferry ticket with a 50% discount for residents in good standing passed the BIT vote with 60 in favor and 5 opposed.

**FII Stockholders Meeting:** The FII stockholders meeting was also held in conjunction with the Annual meeting. It was announced that the FII Board had voted unanimously to hold the Annual Stockholders meeting on Labor Day weekend, instead of Columbus Day weekend in an effort to make the meeting date available to more stockholders. It was also announced that special meetings could be held throughout the year when deemed necessary. The FII budget for 2007 was presented and approved. In addition, a motion to reserve FII lots 1601 and 1602 for new beaches was tabled after a considerable discussion and the reassurance that the FII board had no intention to sell or develop those lots without prior stockholder approval.

The warrant for the meeting and the budget can be viewed on our web site.

**Water Level:** The lake level has been decreasing pretty much as projected. The rain this week caused the water level to increase a couple of inches but this is not expected to alter the reduction in the lake level. This week we also found that a couple of the steel supports on the "I" beams on the mainland ramp had cracked. Stiffeners were welded in place to strengthen these stressed areas. We will be shutting down all heavy traffic this weekend and we will be inspecting the ramp and gantry system this fall to see if there are other areas needing repair.

**Web Site:** There have been a number of updates to our website. Check out the homepage at [www.fryeisland.com](http://www.fryeisland.com) to see summary entries for all of this new information.

**Taxes:** Today we recorded 20 tax liens in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds for the 2006 tax year. Next week we will be finalizing the tax commitment for 2007 in preparation for mailing these bills on or around November first. The first payment will be due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Interest at the rate of 11% will be charged on delinquent taxes. If you sold your property this summer you will still receive the tax bill and it is your responsibility to forward the bill to the new owner.

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**Cameras:** If you haven't noticed, we have 2 cameras set up showing the ferry terminals on the mainland and the island. You can access these cameras at our website. To log-in, the user is "user" and the password is "user". We can only support 20 users at a time so if you go on to check the traffic, please log-off when you are done to allow others to use the service.

**Elections:** The general elections will be held Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots are now available in the office. If you wish to vote in person, the polls will be open at the ferry trailer beginning at 10:00AM and closing at 8:00 PM.

**Sad News:** I heard this week that Dennis Stafford, 1206 Acorn Circle, had passed away. We don't have many details yet but have heard that a memorial service will be held in Princeton New Jersey soon. As we get more information we will post it on our web site. On behalf of all islanders I would like to offer condolences to Dennis' wife Cathy and his family.

This will be the final FINS of the season. I want to thank everyone for their help and cooperation this year and wish everyone a very healthy, safe and happy winter. We'll see you in the spring.

Have a safe week!

Wayne

## Marina:

We have made arrangements to have the docks at the Long Beach Marina removed on Sunday and Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. All boats should now be out of the Marina.

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## ***Frye's Leap General Store & Café***

ONE SUNSET ROAD

FRYE ISLAND, MAINE

207-655-4256

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Frye's Leap General Store and Frye's Leap Café are closed for the 2006 season



# Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

655-3551

Air Conditioned

Open to the Public

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## Hours:

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am– midnight

Sunday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Closed Monday-Thursday

Weather Permitting- otherwise the lounge will be open 7:00 pm-midnight



Enjoy satellite reception on our 42" plasma TV.

## Full Bar

Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks

\$3.00 Root Beer Floats

Complimentary Coffee

## Snacks

\$5.00 Pizza



## Thank You

Thank you Paul & Lorraine Lyons, Harry & Kathy Holgersen, and Maria Charrette for preparing the Christmas in October Roast Pork Dinner.



# Ferry News

655-4258

## ***This Week's Ferry Schedule***

	First Ferry	Second Ferry
<b>Saturday</b>	7 AM - 11 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	7 AM - 9 PM	
<b>Monday</b>	7 AM - 7 PM	
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 AM - 9 PM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 AM - 7 PM	
<b>Thursday</b>	7 AM - 11 PM	
<b>Friday</b>	7 AM - 12 Mid	

## ***WATER LEVEL ALERT***

### **NO HEAVY LOADS AFTER SUNDAY 10-15-06**

Thanks to all of our crews for a great job this season!

A special thanks to Chief Captain Ross Graham and Doreen Nicoli for all of their help and patience.

Thanks to our Volunteer Ticket Takers and "Islander" Captains and Deckhands, who filled in and saved the Town money and did a great job on short notice. We could not have survived the season without your help!

**THANKS TO ALL!**

**JOHN CROSBY**

## ***Ferry Schedule***

The ferry schedule has reverted to the post-season schedule with changes to the second boat. Please make sure that you review this schedule to avoid any difficulties.



# Fire Department

Fire Barn: 207-655-8618

## ***CALLS FOR THE PAST WEEK***

No fire or medical calls for the past week.

## ***THANKS Y'ALL!***

To all who helped make the 2006 HOE DOWN a success:

- Those who prepared the fine food and danced the night away.
- Judy and Steve Comley for corn stalks and pumpkins.
- Jean and the Frye's Leap Store for the "load" of ice cream which was passed along to other FI functions. Always too good to waste.
- Lee and Ken Dolloff for the beautiful begonias.
- Nancy and Phil Perry for the witch and scarecrows to decorate the hay and helping to return tables and chairs to the Community Center.

## **AND CERTAINLY OUR "CALLER"**

Ray Hilton and his partner, Eleanor, who say they love coming to Frye Island!

In fact Ray has us on his schedule for Saturday 6 October 2007. So keep your dancing shoes handy. But in the meantime, stay well and enjoy your "wintah."

**YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



# Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Andrea Sansonetti

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## **Garden Club**

There will be a brief business meeting on Saturday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the library. The Board is requested to be there but anyone is welcome.

Mark your calendar now! PLANT AND BAKE SALE planned for Saturday, May 27, 2007

## **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN**

The Halloween Party held last Sunday by the Recreation Commission



was a *howling* success with over 50 children along with their parents and grandparents in attendance! The costumes were so terrific that every child got a prize.

**Thanks to the generosity of the following, it was of no cost to the Recreation Commission:**

WalMart \$25 gift certificate

### **Donations of attendees:**

Anonymous donor who brought a bag full of candy and prizes (Sorry I didn't get her name)

Frye Island General Store for delicious ice cream

### **Great appreciation goes to the following volunteers:**

Candace Coville (alias Cat Woman)

Patty Leonard (alias Bumble Bee)

Rita Lapati

Andrea Sansonetti

Nancy Perry

Phil Perry (alias Ice Cream Man)

## **BOOK GROUP ELECTIONS FOR SUMMER 2007**

The following books were elected by group members.

*RIVER GOD* by Wilbur Smith

*THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT* by Mark Haddon

*THE CITY OF FALLEN ANGELS* by John Berendt

*TEAM OF RIVALS* by Doris Kearns Goodwin



655-3551

# Frye Island Golf Club

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

## Hours

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am – dusk  
Sunday: 8:30 am – dusk  
Closed Monday-Thursday  
(Weather permitting)

## Greens Fees

Weekday: \$18.00  
Weekend and Holidays: \$30.00  
Twilight (after 5 PM): \$13.00  
Weekday Youth (16 and under): \$10.00  
3-day weekday pass: \$45.00  
Week-long unlimited golf pass: \$100.00

## Cart Rentals

**Gas Cart:**  
9 Holes: \$16.00  
18 Holes: \$26.00  
**Pull Cart:**  
9 or 18 Holes: \$4.00  
**Club Rentals: \$12.00**

## Reminder:

All pro shop credits must be used before the end of the season, they are not carried over.

## Pro Shop

We have an assortment of golf balls, gloves, putters, hats, jackets, and shirts. If there is something you need and we don't have it in stock, we will try and order it.

## October's Best Golf Tournament Results



### 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$40.00 each:

John Kett  
Don Davis  
Bob Garceau  
Judy Burgess

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$20.00 each:

Bruce Nisula  
Bob Thurston  
Jim Rooney  
Laura Davis  
Tom Burgess

### Closest to the Pin \$20.00 each:

#8 Bruce Nisula  
#4 Jerry Docherty

## Sunday Morning Scramble

Every Sunday morning, tee off at 9:00; sign up starting at 8:30.

### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Scramble Results

#### First Place Team - (-3) \$ 25.00 each:

George Greenwich  
Harry Zea  
Harry Holgersen  
Jim Schlademan

#### Closest to the Pin \$20.00

Harry Zea

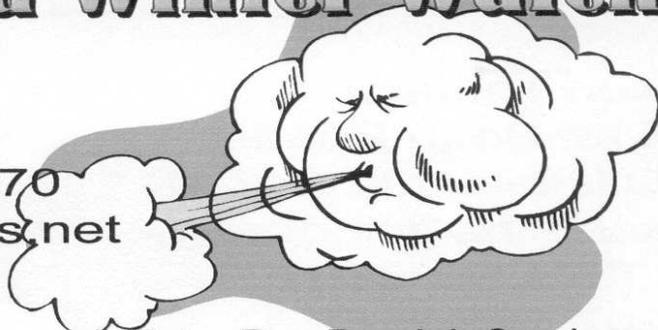
## Thank You

Another season has come to a close. I would like to thank all who have supported the golf club. A special thank you to the golf committee, members, volunteers, and staff. You all have made my job enjoyable. Have a warm and healthy winter. See you all in the spring.

Laura Crosby

# Frye Island Winter Watch

Ken Thurston  
413 Bean Road  
Otisfield, ME 04270  
ken\_tina@hughes.net  
207-539-8870 h  
207-515-2362 c



Extra Pay-Per-Job Services-

\$25 A MONTH GIVES YOU-

Dated Digital Photos

Peace of Mind

Insurance Assurance

Prompt notification of anything out of the ordinary

Sign on for 1-12 months

Summer services also available



Roof Shoveling

Fall / Spring Yard Clean-up

Discount on Fall / Spring Opening and Closing with winter watch sign up.  
Contact Paul Kimball @ 207 539 4050; mention this form.

House Maintenance and Repair

Small Kubota with bucket and backhoe for light excavation

House Painting

Other Jobs Odd and Small

Cut here. Keep top portion. Submit bottom portion.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Island Address \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Island Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Months- Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun July Aug Sept Nov Dec



Hello there

That time of year has come upon us rather fast. Here it is time to close things down and head for the main land for the winter.

I'm writing to first, thank you if you've already signed up for the winter watch, thank you if you will, offer Paul Kimball's cottage opening and closing services, and lastly, to make sure you have this e-mail address for us. Please make sure it matches the one in your address book. [ken\\_tina@hughes.net](mailto:ken_tina@hughes.net) Our internet provider sold itself, and thus changed the ending.

Let us know if there's anything we can do to make these winter month's away from the island more bearable. Let us know too, ASAP, if you want your place closed for the winter.

Take care - Tina and Kenny

# October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Chapel	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:15a Registration 9:00a Annual Town Meeting @ CC  1:00p Garden Club Board Meeting @ CC  6:00p Square Dance @ Fire Barn
8 9:00a Chapel Coffee Hour October's Best (Golf) 2:00p Halloween Party @ CC 5:00p Roast Pork Dinner-Christmas in October @ Leisure Lounge	9	10	11	12 Last day to get your boat out of Long Beach Marina	13	14
15 Docks removed from Long Beach Marina	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <b>Last Ferry</b>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Island Is Closed</h2>					