

Frye Island News Service

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Important Information

Town of Frye Island

1 Sunset Road
Frye Island, ME 04071
Phone: 207-655-4551
Fax: 207-655-3422
Email: office@fryeisland.com
Web site: 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
Fire Department: 207-655-8618

Frye Island News Service

Editor: Lisa Kerrigan
Email: lkerrigan@fryeisland.com
Submission deadline:
Wednesday, 3:00 PM - **No Exceptions**

Transfer Station

Low Season Operating Hours

Saturday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Sunday: 12 Noon – 5:00PM

Holiday weekends: Closed Sundays, open Mondays

During low season the Transfer Station can be open on closed days by appointment only, between 8am to 3pm.

To set up a Transfer Station opening please call the Public Works Garage at 655-7493 (please try to call the day before)

Thank you, Your Public Works Department

SINGLE STREAM

“Recycling Made Simple”

It ALL goes in together:

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs
Telephone/Soft Cover Books
Direct Mail/Envelopes (all types)
Paper (all colors, staples/paperclips are okay)
Paperboard (cereal/shoe boxes)
Milk/Juice Cartons
Plastic Bottles and Containers Numbered #1-7
Soda/Juice/Water Bottles (glass or plastic)
Milk Jugs, Bleach/Detergent, Shampoo Bottles
Food containers (cottage cheese/margarine/yogurt)
Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
Aluminum (pie plates/trays/foil)
Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)
All Cans Must be Empty and Non-Hazardous

What NOT to include:

No Plastic Bags*, No Food Liners
No Unmarked Plastics (laundry baskets/chairs/toys)
No Windows/Light Bulbs
No Dishes, No Pyrex, No Ceramics
No Foam Packaging, No Styrofoam
No Hazardous Material or Universal Waste
No Recyclables Containing Food Waste

*Recycling bins for plastic bags are
Located at your local grocery store.



Town News

Island Manager's Comments

Greetings Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Frye Island for what, hopefully, will be another very enjoyable season for all. I would also like to offer a very sincere thank you to all of the employees who have worked very hard to get the Island in shape for the opening. I think they all did a great job.

Long Beach Marina & Quail Circle Canal: The docks at the Long Beach Marina have been installed. Last fall we reviewed this area with Great Northern Dock's and decided that we could shorten some of the supports. This would pull the docks in closer to the shore and increase the travel area. However, this is a "No Wake Zone" so as you leave and return to the marina please drive with care and caution. Both Long Beach Marina and Quail Circle are full and we have waiting lists for both sites so, if you do not plan to renew your rental slip, please call the office so that we can reassign your slip to someone on the waiting list. The fees for 2007 are as follows:

- Marina Equity Slips \$225.00
- Marina Rental \$900.00 *
- Quail Circle \$200.00

Remember that your Yacht Club fees must be paid by the time the office closes on Thursday, May 31st or you could lose your spot.

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. The center of the dock should be located at the numbered pipe. In addition, it has been brought to my attention that some people at Quail do not secure the outboard (the end in the water) of the dock and wave action and wind can cause the dock to swing into their neighbor's space. So, in addition to getting the dock in the right location, please consider this swinging potential when installing your docks.

DO NOT FORGET YOUR MILFOIL STICKER

It is each boater's responsibility to get a yearly Milfoil sticker. Please get that sticker and put it on your boat. The cost of these stickers supports the program to keep Milfoil out of our beautiful lake.

Frye Island vs. the State of Maine: There has been no change in our law suit vs. the State of Maine. Our suit challenges the constitutionality of the legislative action that denies the Town of Frye Island the opportunity to withdraw from a school district; a right that all other communities in Maine have as defined by the State Constitution. In addition, we challenged the exemption

applied by legislative action that prevents the Town of Frye Island from using the student population as part of the formula for determining the amount of taxes to be paid to support education. The Town has stated on many occasions that it is not the intention of this law suit to NOT pay toward the education of Maine students, but only to be treated as all other communities in the State are.

One thing that may affect the decision, or at least the timing of the decision, is the Governor's proposal to establish "super districts" in the State based on the 26 statewide districts presently set-up for the vocational school. School Representative, Oleg Svetlichny, will explain this in more detail later. If this is enacted however, it is unsure if Frye Island will remain in SAD 6 and what effect it might have on the law suit.

Public Hearings: There will be a public hearing to discuss the SAD #6 budget on Saturday May 26th at 11:00 AM at the Community Center. This is your chance to hear the presentation by school representatives and to ask any questions that you may have regarding the budget.

MSAD #6 Referendums: MSAD #6 will be conducting two (2) separate referendum votes. The first will be held May 22nd and the second will be June 12th. The first requests authorization for bonds for the construction of a new K through 5 school in Buxton. The second is for approval of the "FY 07--"08 budget. A public hearing for the first referendum was held Monday May 7th. A public hearing for the budget will be held at the Frye Island Community Center on Saturday May 26th at 11:00 AM. Sample ballots for both referenda are posted on the Town bulletin board, at the office and on the web site.

Maine Election Law permits any **registered voter** to cast an absentee ballot. If you are a registered voter in Frye Island you may request an absentee ballot by completing the application on the web site or by calling the office at 207-655-4551 during normal business hours. Polls for the May 22nd election will open at 10:00 AM at the Community Center and close at 8:00 PM. The polls for the June 12th referendum will also open at 10:00 AM at the Community Center and close at 8:00PM. All ballots, including the absentee ballots, will be counted after the polls close.

Fire Danger: If you haven't noticed "Smokey the Bear" when you arrive on the Island, please take note. Today the fire danger is "Extreme". This is because the Island is extremely dry right now. It is hard to believe as wet as it was here a few weeks ago but it is cause for concern.

There are a lot of leaves in the woods, the Island is very well treed and in some areas there are a lot of dwellings. The careless flick of a cigarette butt could cause a fire that could be devastating. Please be very careful with any and all open fires, including those of you who smoke!!!!

Dogs: We have already had complaints of dogs running loose on the island. Please be considerate of your fellow islanders and keep your pets leashed. If this continues, we will be forced to contact the Animal Control Officer and you could lose your pet.

Along those same lines, a number of large owls, hawks, fisher cats and fox have been spotted on the Island. If you let small animals including cats and dogs loose they may not return home. I am told that every year a number of cats are lost to the wild.

Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectman / Executive Committee is scheduled for Saturday May 26th at 9:00 AM in the Community Center. This meeting is open to the public.

Public Safety: Through the winter we had one "Breaking and Entering" reported. An investigation is ongoing. This prompts me to remind everyone to insure that all of their doors and windows are able to be closed and locked. When we got to the Island there were at least three homes with the doors wide open, presumably from the wind and weather. So a word to the wise should be sufficient.

Last weekend, the first of the season, the Fire and Rescue Dept. responded to three calls.

- 1 illegal burning of leaves (remember the fire hazard)
- 1 lost child (found)
- 1 burn injury due to a soldering iron.

Have safe week!

Wayne

SAD6 – Referendum

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Community Center

Polls open at 10:00 and close at 8:00

Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Notice

Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Community Center

Board of Selectmen / EC Meeting

Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 9:00 AM

Community Center

Public Hearing

Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

Public Hearing to discuss the school budget, this will be presented by SAD-6 at the Community Center.

State Budget, Consolidation of Schools, and MSAD #6

Greetings,

The twist and turns of the ways of doing work in Augusta.

The Governor's budget proposal is LD 499. It has problems. If you care about details, please visit the state website www.maine.gov. If not, please read on. LD499 may affect Frye Island in a major, at this time unpredictable, way.

One problem with the LD 499 is its provision to consolidate schools. A year or so ago, Brookings Institute submitted a report on their study of the cost of education in Maine. One recommendation was to decrease the number of school units in order to save on the administration costs -- there are too many small schools in Maine. Brookings' experts felt that a school unit with about 4,000 students would be a desirable size. Thus, Bonny Eagle could be a model. That is not how our Governor thought and acted.

The Governor's proposal would create 26 Regional School Units, or RSUs. (Please welcome a new acronym!) The number 26 was chosen because Maine has that many vocational education regions. The boundaries of these regions were drawn a long time ago. If the Governor's proposal would pass, SAD6 would be merged with the Gorham, Scarborough, Windham, and Westbrook schools. Frye Island would be a small fish in a Grand Big Pond indeed! There was a wave of opposition to this proposal. Several competing proposals were soon generated. The Appropriation Committee designed one of them. It calls for creation of 80 Regional School Units. The Commissioner of Education would draw the boundaries of all RSUs. This is a lot of power given to one person, taking into the account that the municipalities would have only 60 days to come up with an alternative configuration. (Where would the Commissioner put the Frye Island?) No RSU would have fewer than 2,000 students. In many other aspects, this proposal follows the Governor's proposal. To wit: All MSADs, School Unions, and other current school configurations would be abolished. Current school boards/school committees would be dissolved. New RSU school boards would have fifteen directors. How elections would be structured remains an interesting question. However, local control of education would become history. All school assets would be transferred to these new RSUs. However, the liabilities would remain with the municipalities. All of these changes would be mandated on an accelerated schedule. There is no resolution yet to the school consolidation battle in Augusta. As a result, there is still no state budget!

"Fixing" the Essential Programs and Services (EPS).

Because of school consolidation proposals, MSAD #6 (as well as all other school units in Maine) does not know exactly the size of its state aid under the EPS school funding paradigm. In addition, legislators and the Governor are busy *fixing* (perhaps, a better word would be *fiddling* with) the EPS to balance the budget, trying to shift more and more of the burden to the local tax dollars. For example, the Appropriation Committee's proposal would mandate across-the-board 5% cuts in the transportation, special education, and facility maintenance budgets regardless of the local conditions. But, the core premise of EPS was to take into account the local conditions! Mandating across-the-board 5% cuts is a sure way of renegeing on the promise of funding 55% of the EPS costs. To comply with this mandate would be very difficult. For example, no one can cut 5% from the special education budget without cutting services. Cutting these services would result in legal actions. Special education is guaranteed under the Federal law --I.D.E.A. An additional *fixing* of the EPS is that beyond 2007-2008, there might be zero aid from the state for student activities. One can be sure that Augusta will find a few more creative ways of diluting the EPS.

MSAD # 6 Budget for 2007-2008 School Year

MSAD #6 did very well under the EPS funding formula in the past two years. The size of future aid is, for the reasons discussed above, uncertain. However, despite all the EPS *fixing* activities and the uncertainties about the school consolidation, the fact remains that children must be educated. This is a part of the Maine Constitution. The Bonny Eagle School Board and Administration recognize this truth and our obligation to act in the best interest of the children. The 2007-2008 budget that residents of Frye Island have the right (and civic duty) to vote on June 12 is an austere budget. First, it is a needs-based budget. That is, there are no hidden dollars. Obviously, not all needs could be included. The Board and Administration made many difficult tradeoffs to come up with a budget that would continue improving the educational programs to our 4,000 students, and, at the same time, hold down the inevitable increases. Second, this budget was already once reduced by the School Board in light of the uncertainties in Augusta. Please take the opportunity to read the ***Bonny Eagle School District 2007-2008 Budget*** handout available in our Town Office. (Note that there is one unfortunate typographical error. In the central foldout, on the bottom one should read Total 2007-2008 Budget rather than Total 2006-2007 Budget.) On page 6 of the handout, you will see how the local costs are allocated to the five towns. Neither School Board nor the Administration has anything to do with this formula. It is prescribed by the State. It is based on the State's assessment of towns (they refer to it as *valuation*) after tracking sales, new

constructions, and other parameters. A town's share is in the same proportion to the total local cost as the percentage of its valuation to the total district valuation. For Frye Island, it is 5.06%. These percentages change each year, sometimes by very surprising amounts. Frye Island, having so many water front properties, is getting, according to the state valuations, significantly wealthier each year!

Thank you for getting informed and for your participation in the referendum.

It is all about educating kids!

Kind regards,

Oleg Svetlichny

Lot 13,

MSAD #6 School Board Member

Bonny Eagle New Elementary School in Buxton

Greetings,

This time, I am pleased to report on a positive development.

The last time the District constructed a new elementary school was in 1981. (A quarter of a century ago!) The District now has an opportunity to have a new state-funded elementary school in Buxton. On April 11, the State Board of Education approved the conceptual design for this new school that is sized to accommodate 850 children -- kindergarten through grade 5. This new school will replace four existing schools. The District worked very hard for a long time to get to this point. Now, the fate of this construction is in the hands of the District's voters.

On 22 May 2007, there will be a district-wide referendum on this new school. There are two parts to the referendum. The first one is asking the voters to approve state-funded portion of this construction, which is \$26,580,507 dollars. To be eligible to receive this amount, the District must locally raise \$130,510 for the purchase of land (which already has been arranged) and the oversight of the construction. Because, state rules do not provide sufficient funds for a full sized gymnasium, the District is seeking approval of additional local funds of \$1,368,624. Copies of pamphlet showing the conceptual design of this new school are available in the Town Office. Please take one, as well as a copy of the District's publication *Focus on Six*, which is like our FINS. You will find many interesting snapshots there showing what kids are doing in various schools.

In conclusion, I would like to say that Bonny Eagle was fortunate to be second on the list of more than 200 competing projects. If the referendum fails, then Bonny Eagle will fall behind other competing projects -- perhaps never to recover. In that case, the solution to the classroom space would be paid 100% with the local dollars.

Thank you for getting informed and for your participation in the referendum.

It is all about the kids!

Kind regards,

Oleg Svetlichny

Lot 13,

MSAD #6 School Board Member



Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

655-3551

Air Conditioned

Open to the Public

Hours:

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM – Midnight

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Closed Monday - Thursday



Enjoy satellite reception on our 42” plasma TV.

Full Bar

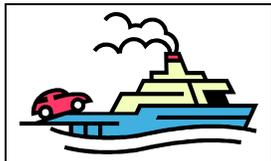
Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks

\$3.00 Root Beer Floats

Complimentary Coffee

Snacks

\$5.00 Pizza



Ferry News

655-4258

This Week's Ferry Schedule

	First Ferry	Second Ferry
Saturday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Sunday	7 AM - 9 PM	12 PM-8 PM
Monday	7 AM - 7 PM	
Tuesday	7 AM - 9 PM	
Wednesday	7 AM - 7 PM	
Thursday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Friday	7 AM - 12 Mid	2 PM – 8 PM

Ferry Tickets

We have been asking all our residents to please include on the back portion of your tickets (the section the cashier collects) – Property Owner Name and Lot #.



Fire Department

Fire Barn: 207-655-8618

Fire Department Notice

Rules pertaining to the use of open fires in screened enclosures and chimeneas.

Open fires in a screened enclosure designed for such use or chimenea are permitted under the following conditions:

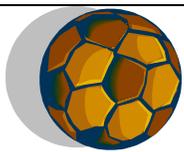
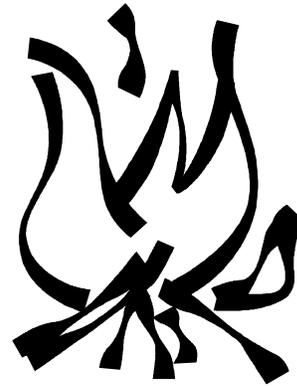
- The device must be used only on an acceptable permit-required burn day within the state. (A permit will not be necessary to use the device, but it can only be used on a day on which burning is allowed.)
- The device must stand on sand or dirt in a wide-open area to prevent any spread of fire.
- The device must be placed away from any structure and **cannot** be situated on a porch, deck, or other similar area.
- The device must be continuously monitored by an adult.
- A fire hose or bucket of water must be nearby.

Anyone using one of these devices accepts **full responsibility** for their actions if a mishap occurs.

The fire department has the authority to extinguish any fire that constitutes a hazard.

Violators of these rules will be reported to the Maine Forest Service, Forest Protection Division, for disciplinary action.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the use of a screened enclosure or a chimenea, please contact the Town Fire Warden or a member of the Frye Island Fire Department.



Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Andrea Sansonetti

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 26th

9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Old Fire Barn – Next To Post Office

Annuals—Perennials—Herbs

Delicious baked goods

Yes folks - it's that time again!!! Time for our annual Memorial Day weekend plant sale!!! We hope to make this the biggest and best one yet.

Also, if you have any wonderful items for us to raffle - it would be greatly appreciated.

Plants can be dropped off on Friday afternoon or after 8:00 am on Saturday. Please label with name and growing conditions.

Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday morning after 8:00 am.

Frye Island Chapel

Established 1988

Weekly Non-Denominational Religious Services are held at the Community Center every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30AM. All are welcome. Dress is casual.

2007 Season: May 27th thru October 7th, 2007

Chaplains: Rev. Richard Peterson, Ph.D.

Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm



655-3551

Frye Island Golf Club

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

Hours

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - Dusk

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Closed Monday - Thursday

(Weather permitting)

Tee times are highly recommended, especially on the weekends.

Greens Fees

Weekday: \$18.00

Weekend and Holidays: \$30.00

Twilight (after 5 PM): \$13.00

Weekday Youth (16 and under): \$10.00

Weekend Youth (16 and under): \$20.00

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

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.

Tournament Schedule for 2007

May 26	Ryder Cup
June 23-24	June Invitational
June 30	Steak and Hot Dog
June-August	Club Championship
July 28	Night Golf
August 4	Rally for a Cure
August 18-19	Member/Guest
September 1	President's Cup
September 7-9	Sebago Lake Escape
September 22	Shoot Out
October 7	October's Best
October 13	Cross Country

Sunday Morning Scramble

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

Sunday, May 6th Scramble Results

1st Place Team (-2)\$25.00 each:

John Hodge

Bill Gately

Dave Witham

Closest to the Pin \$15.00:

George Greenwich

Thank you

The Golf Club would like to thank Bob Russo for his donation of a computer for the clubhouse.

May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 7:00p SAD	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Golf Work Day	21	22	23	24	25	26 8:30a Zoning Board of Appeals @ CC 9:00a BOS/EC Mtg @ CC 9:00a Annual Plant Sale Ryder Cup 11:00a SAD6 (Budget) Public Hearing
27 Ice Cream Social	28	29	30	31		