**Arrowsic Evening Sing: Come sing!**

Join your neighbors for a friendly evening of singing rounds at the Town Hall.

Rounds can be simple, yet deliver a rich musical experience. There are no official vocal parts, so no high anxiety about being soprano (or low anxiety for baritones). If you get lost – just sing the same part over and over! We’ll bring a good selection of rounds (American folk, African, Hebrew, solstice, silly, serious, spoken, even a silent one) and invite you to bring yours too.

**Thursday, February 23, 7:30 pm, Arrowsic Town Hall.**
Questions? Call Amy Smith or Bill Savedoff at 442-8763
amybluefeet@gmail.com savedoff@gmail.com

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**Take a Survey about DSL**

DSL technology changes all the time. The Selectmen would like to discuss with Fairpoint the possibility of upgrading our system to the contemporary standard, as well as adding new lines. They have asked me to accumulate information from all who use Fairpoint DSL in Arrowsic. This information is very important in preparing them to speak with knowledge and authority to Fairpoint representatives. To that end, would you please take just a minute or two to take a one-page survey about your DSL connection? The survey is located at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WWFNjY6.

Our town website, arrowsic.org, can host certain web-based activities. For example, we could have a history wiki, or a fire department blog. If anyone is interested in expanding the functionality of arrowsic.org, please email me at news@arrowsic.org.

Paul Kalkstein
Arrowsic Webmaster

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**Notice of RSU 1 Meeting with Selectmen**

The Arrowsic Selectmen have invited Regional School Unit 1 representatives to attend their meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00** at the Arrowsic Town Hall. Superintendent Patrick Manuel and Arrowsic RSU representatives, Tim Harkins (Board Chair) and Alan Walton, will attend the meeting.

The RSU is anticipating a reduction in funding of almost one million dollars for the upcoming year. The Selectmen have asked to be informed about the impacts to local education as well as the implications to the Town of Arrowsic. All Arrowsic residents are urged to attend this meeting to hear first hand about this important topic. The regularly scheduled Selectmen’s meeting for February 13 has been rescheduled to this February 15th date.

Sukey Heard

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**From the Editor:**

Please look throughout the Arrow for important announcements and happenings. They are not listed as a single unit in this issue.

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I want to take this way of thanking the good people of Arrowsic for whatever he or she did to make my 90th birthday such a huge success.

Thank you for the abundant refreshments and nice drinks and, of course, the enormous cake, the comical and serious cards, the good and not so good memories, and enough well wishes for the next ten years.

Thank you all so much!

Milly Stafford

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Here is a photo of the oldest and youngest Arrowsic residents, Milly Stafford at her 90th birthday party and Stella Kalfunger, held by mom Camille, who was actually born IN ARROWSIC

Sukey Heard
The Annual Backyard Composting Bin Sale has begun!

It is estimated that 25% of an average household's waste is kitchen scraps and yard trimmings. Are you composting?

The Maine Resource Recovery Association, through the Bath Public Works Department, is offering the following tools for your home composting and rain water collection:

- The Earth Machine 80 gallon backyard composting unit: $45.00 (retail value: $120) (“How-to” guide, free)
- Kitchen pails- 2 gallon size: $8.00
- Wingdigger compost turner: $17.00
- Compost thermometer: $18.50
- 55 gallon rain barrel: $58.50 (retail: $130)

The sale runs from Feb 1, 2012 to April 28, 2012 with orders and payment due at the Bath Public Works by April 28, 2012. Deliveries will be made during the week of May 21, 2012.

Please check the Recycling shed for more information and order forms.

Questions?
Contact Roz McLean 386-0179

COME TO ARROWSIC TOWN GAME NIGHT

Come have fun at the monthly game night at the Arrowsic town hall. We always have tons of fun with all ages from wee ones to adults.

Games include everything from Bananagrams to the ever popular Carcassonne.

Bring your friends and family - everybody’s invited. Also bring your favorite games and snacks to share to the Arrowsic town hall on February 10th from 6:30 to ????

We hope you’ll be there.
Sebastian Blaklock

Eco-tips: Blue Planet by Gretchen Sibley

Earth is a water rich planet. Human bodies are 70% water and cannot survive more than four days without drinking it. Despite being surrounded by water, less than one half of one percent of this vital resource is usable and accessible to living things. That is the equivalent of a couple drops of water in a gallon. The other 99.5% of water on Earth is oceanic salt water and frozen in glaciers. This small drop of fresh water continuously recycles around the globe, evaporating, falling as rain and snow, and running across the landscape in rivers and lakes. Arrowsic is a perfect example of the paradox of water on Earth. As an island community we are surrounded by undrinkable water and are dependent on relatively shallow wells that are fed solely from rain water and melting snow pack. A single dry year can exhaust our water reserves. Water conservation is something for us all to consider.

Globally, the combination of population growth and water scarcity is a key factor in regional instability and political upheaval and has led to a staggering level of “water poverty”. One in five (1.1 Billion) people have access to less than 1 gallon of potable water. Two of every five people (2.6 Billion) do not have access to the 5 gallons/day requirement for rudimentary sanitation. And less than half of the world’s population has access to the 13 gallons per day needed for bathing and cooking (UNICEF report 2004). In contrast, in the water rich United States average per person consumption is about 150 gallon/day for domestic use. Another 1,000 gallons are consumed daily in energy production (coal and nuclear power) and crop irrigation. It is important to stop and look at these facts.

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ALEWIFE RESTORATION PROJECT

For the past five years, Arrowsic citizen scientists have been monitoring the alewife population using Sewall Pond. Alewives are an anadromous fish that returns to its natal freshwater to spawn. Alewives are ecologically important as prey fish for osprey, eagles and stripers as well as for linking marine and fresh water nutrients. Equally important, alewives are used as lobster bait at a time of year when little else is available. Harvesting of alewives in Arrowsic was closed in the 1980’s because of very few returning adults. The Arrowsic Conservation Commission began in April 2007 working with the State Department of Marine Resources to monitor in-migrating adult alewives and develop a plan for restoration of the run.

A grant from Fish America Foundation, Coastal Wetlands Restoration Project and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Gulf of Maine Coastal Program allowed for the restoration of the streambed and fish passage at the deteriorating concrete structure in the fall of 2008. The post improvement monitoring suggests that more fish are returning.

Monitoring of adults will continue this spring. As in seasons past, volunteers will monitor Sewall Pond water quality and zooplankton (juvenile alewife forage) populations. Monitoring the juvenile alewife population will continue in the fall.

Recently, the Conservation Commission has been exploring with Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) and its partners, improving fish passage at the Rte 127 culvert. As part of the Kennebec River Habitat Restoration Project, KELT, the State Planning Office and the Gulf of Maine Council have finished an inventory of all culverts in the watershed and have identified the existing Rte 127 culvert as a good candidate for improvement.

As the monitoring season gears up, volunteers are always welcomed. If you are interested in participating, please contact anyone of the volunteers, the Conservation Commission or call 442-7533.
We use more than our fair share, much of it flushed down the toilets at 5 gallons a flush, BUT that is only 13% of our water consumption. The rest is hidden in our light fixtures, dryers, ethanol gas, refrigerators, water heaters and air conditioners. There is a growing sense of urgency about clean water that has been capitalized on by corporations who have convinced us that bottled water is superior to tap water. Designer water is sold for up to $10/gallon, has little regulatory oversight, and exacerbates the disparity in water distribution. The 28.6 billion plastic water bottles that are sold in the US annually require 17 million barrels of oil and consume three times more water in production than they hold. Only one in ten bottles is recycled. These corporations are siphoning off regional aquifers with minimal legislative oversight. Tap water costs less than a penny per gallon, is very carefully monitored by the EPA, and is available to all. Well water can be tested, and filtered if needed, at fractions of the cost of bottled water.

The eco-friendly, what can we do, answer to the potential exhaustion of this vital resource is choose to use less. Buy less. Drive less. Every time we decrease our consumption of any resource we get the bonus of vastly decreased water consumption because water is a fundamental necessity in all manufacturing, energy production and food production. Installing low flow shower heads and high efficiency toilets helps too. Drink the water available to you from your faucet, take your water with you when you travel, and ask for tap water when you are dining out. Find out about how Maine’s aquifers are being used and add your voice to the conversation.


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**TRASH & RECYCLING**

**CALENDAR 2011-2012**

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( ) denotes trash only-- hold your recycling for next pick up

**Recycling is mandatory!**

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact

John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Roz Mclean, Liz Parker Ware, or Damian Sokol.

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**Garden Tea and Talk Potluck:**

**Thursday March 1 6:30-8:30 at Town Hall**

In response to the enthusiastic Garden Tour participants we have planned a midwinter (here comes spring!) informal evening. Bring any extra seeds you would like to share or swap, ideas about seedling starting, soil prep, and new adventures you are planning in your garden this year. New to the sport? Bring your enthusiasm and hear what's worked for gardeners in Arrowsic.

Gretchen Sibley

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**Citizens for Squirrel Point Talk Addendum**

Many Arrowsic residents attended Fred Kahrl’s excellent talk on Squirrel Point Light on Saturday at the Patten Free Library Town History lecture series. I enjoyed it very much, and learned some things that I’d never known or perhaps had forgotten. One important omission, however, that I think should be corrected, was that of Lee Johnson’s leading role in forming Citizens for Squirrel Point. If not for Lee's interest, energy, and legal expertise, Squirrel Point Light might well have been sold to a private buyer and been lost to the public. Probably everyone at the talk on Saturday was aware of Lee’s leading role, but in case they were not aware, I think it is important to publicly acknowledge what she accomplished. Thank you, Lee!

Phine Ewing

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**From the Animal Control Officer**

It is well past the time to license your dog. Please take care of this little chore as soon as possible. Thank You.

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**From the Editor ...**

From now on, all articles will include an author’s name. If no signature is provided at the end of the article, the sender’s name will be added.

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