

THE ARROWSIC ARROW

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Dear Reader,

Once again, hunting season approaches (opening for Maine residents Saturday, October 30). Please be careful, and wear bright orange in the woods.

Announcements From the Town Clerk, Deborah Bassett:

TOWN HALL HOURS ARE WEDNESDAYS 3-5:30 pm; FRIDAYS 8:30-11 am

Do you have a business card? I am putting together a book of business cards that will be on display at the town hall. The only requirement is that you reside in town. So if you're looking for a carpenter, a handyman, someone to paint your portrait, or someone to paint your house, check out the business book at the town hall.

Also new at the town hall: The Community Bulletin Board. Do you have something for free, to sell, trade or barter? Are you a teenager looking for babysitting jobs? Place your ad on a 3x5 index card, please date it, and post it on the board.

A notice to Arrowsic Dog owners from the State of Maine DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE says a \$3.00 late fee will be applied to all dog licenses after January 31. exceptions: if you are a new dog owner, if your dog turned 6 months after Jan 31, or if you are a new resident to Arrowsic.

1994 dog licenses are available November 1st. The cost before Jan 31 is \$7.50 open male/female or \$4.00 for spayed or neutered dogs. This fee is PER DOG.

On November 2, 1993 the polls at the Town Hall will be open from 10AM to 8PM. You may register to vote that day or you can fill out a registration card during regular town hall hours. See the town clerk.

Arrowsic has a new Animal Control Officer. Chris Grill can be reached at 442-8152.

Other Important Items

All our best wishes go out to Lillian Gowen for a speedy recovery from her operation at Maine Medical Center.

Al Miller will be offering classes for Young People in Arrowsic and Georgetown at the Arrowsic Town Hall Fridays from 3:30-5:00. Class dates are November 12, 19 and December 3, 10, and 17. \$35. Call if you're interested-442-8270 and leave a message. We will end with a Holiday show in December.

Free Kittens, many models to choose from. Please call 443-3725

For all you folk fans. John Gorka, Patty Larkin, Cheryl Wheeler, and Cliff Eberhardt are doing a concert at the First Parish Church in Portland on January 23 at 7:30. Call 354-8928 (9am-8pm) for information.

AND SPEAKING OF RECYCLING...

The folks who work at the town hall have noticed with some regularity members of the recycling committee sorting out plastic (people are leaving the caps and rings on milk and cider jugs. The caps and rings are not recycleable), removing screw caps from glass containers (the metal lids cannot be recycled with the glass), removing labels from cans, and sorting mixed paper from the newspaper bin. We wanted to thank the committee members for spending their time cleaning up after the rest of us. JUST SO EVERYONE KNOWS, IF WE DON'T DO IT, SOMEONE ELSE HAS TO

Trash Pickup days coming up: NOV 5, 19 and DEC 3, 17, 31

To the editor,

Long before we moved to Arrowsic in 1986, we composted and recycled to the best of our abilities. During that same time, we contributed time and money to Maine Special Olympics. To us, these are both worthy causes. But we would never attempt to impose our feelings about Special Olympics on the citizens of Arrowsic in the way some are imposing their concerns about composting on the town.

The recent move to bi-weekly garbage pickups is a case-in-point. This was approved at the tail end of a very long town meeting, after many voters had gone home. It was approved after a recycling committee member told the voters approval wasn't even necessary, the committee could force it on the town anyway. Thus, we feel it was essentially imposed on the town.

The idea was to save money and reduce the amount of garbage the town disposes. At first, the town was going to save around \$1200. Now estimates are around \$6000.. We don't claim to be accounting wizards, but our rough calculations show the average taxpayer saving about \$20. per year. We don't think it's worth it. To have garbage piling up for two weeks (four weeks if you're unlucky enough to be unavoidably out of town on the one pickup day!) and attracting raccoons, skunks, etc., doesn't seem like a good trade.

Additionally, the recycling committee is considering eliminating pickups altogether next year. Instead, a central dumpster would be available one day every other week, along with a dumpster manager to help (read: force) you to recycle items deemed inappropriate for the dumpster. This person would be paid, in part, by the savings that recycling and bi-weekly pickups generate, according to one committee member.

For the elderly and handicapped, we think this "solution" is another unnecessary imposition. Recycling does indeed begin at home. But all homes are different. What's good for a recycling committee member may not work for other town residents. We hope the committee and town officials will give serious re-consideration to what they have done so far, and critically analyze what they plan to do in the future. We all pursue laudable causes in our lives. But we don't think someone else's cause should become ours, or vice versa.

Signed Ken & Melissa Textor

Registrations are due in these months for these vehicle owners:

SEPTEMBER

AMES, SYLVIA M	DURRELL, DAVID	KIMBALL, MURIEL W
APPEL, CHERYL	ELWELL, SUSAN	LEWIS, LAWRENCE II
ATER, DAVID W	GARFIELD, ELIZA	NEAL, ABIGAIL R
ATER, ROBERT	GAROVVOY, CLARE	NELSON, ROBERT H
BRAWN, CHARLES W	GAROVVOY, KEITH	OCONNOR, JAMIE R
BROWN, LOUISE C	GOWEN, LILLIAN	PINKHAM, TERESA
BRYANT, BARBARA	GREENE, DOROTHY	PROCTOR, NANCY
CAMPBELL, ELIZABE	GUCKENBURG, MAR	PUFF, DAVID
CAMPBELL, SONIA	HAINES, BRUCE O	RON ELWELLS PLUMBING
CHAFFEE, JOHN	HOLBROOK, KIMBE	STAFFORD, GEORGE F
CHAPIN, E BARTON	HOLBROOK, KIMBE	SULLIVAN, ELAINE M
DEION, TAMMY J	JONES, JODY J	SULLIVAN, ROSALIE A
DEMERS, THOMAS W	[REDACTED]	TEXTOR, KENNETH J
DRESSER, ARTHUR I	KENNERSON, REBE	TOLAN, JAMES J

WISEMAN, KENNETH
WISEMAN, KENNETH W
WITHAM, JACK W

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

AMES, HAROLD A JR
AMES, HAROLD A JR
BLAIKLOCK, JEREMY
BROOKS, DAVID M
BROWN, CHARLOTTE
BUNTER, CAROLE A
BUNTER, WILLIAM A
COOMBS, JAMES L
DUBE, MICHAEL D
ELWELL, RICHARD
ELWELL, SUSAN D
GALUZA, JAMES J
HALL, E VICTOR
HOARE, MOLLY E
JORGENSEN, JENNY
KAHRL, FRED J
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN
MCLUER, JOHN
MEAD, KATHERINE B
MOSIER, LARRY
NELSON, BONNIE R
NOYES, JEAN BREA
PEABODY, RONALD
PETERSON, GERTRUDE I
REXNORD INC
ROOT, MARY J
SHUFELT, LESLIE A
STAFFORD, GEORGE F
SULLIVAN, ROSALIE A
WASILEWSKI, ERICA M
WEST, BARBARA

AMES, HAROLD JR
BASSETT, KENNETH
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C
BRASSARD, ALICE L
BRYANT, DONALD A
BURNHAM, SONDR
CAMPBELL, SONIA
CARLTON, VERNON F
CHANDLER, PAMELA
COLEMAN, KEVAN
DOYLE, DOROTHY
DUNN, SALLY K
GILLIS, DEBORAH S
JONES, DANIEL R
KILBOURN-TARA, NAN
LAKIN, BARBARA
LOVEITT, WILBUR F
MACMAHAN, JOSEPH
MESSLER, JOSEPH
MILLER, ROBERT
NEAL, JOHN S
PACKARD, NANCY C
PAGE, ESTER
PELLETIER, ROLANDE
PILARSKI, THOMAS J
SPENCER, DAVID M
SPERLING, J WALTER
SULLIVAN, ROSALIE A
WATSON, B J

NOVEMBER

THE ARROWSIC FOOD COOP

Does everyone know that there's a food coop in Arrowsic open to anyone interested?

THE NATURALLY BETTER COOP meets every month to order food from the Northeast Cooperative in Brattleboro, Vermont. The NE Coop, a huge, natural foods wholesaler, supplies virtually every health food store in Maine with everything from packaged and bulk foods, frozen food, cheese and fresh organic produce, to books, herbs and vitamins.

Prices are at wholesale and even better, with sales ranging from from 10 to 75% off. Items are available singly or by the case, and often the Arrowsic coop buys bulk or by the case and divides it up.

The order meeting takes place at Prudy Foster's house, on Whitmore's Landing Road, the second Wednesday of each month. The order is then called in Thursday and the food is delivered to the Arrowsic Town Hall the following Wednesday morning. The coop meets that Wednesday night to check in and break down the order—everyone helps out.

There are currently about a dozen regular members in the coop, most from Arrowsic, some from neighboring towns. The more people there are, the more food is purchased and the better the discount.

Come to a meeting and see what you think!

For more information call Paul Schlein (443-3209) or Prudy Foster (443-2114).