NEWS AROUND AND ABOUT ARROWSIC

## The Arrowsic Arrow

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### From Milly

I want to thank the Town Affairs for naming the new street by the Fire House Stafford Lane. I only wish George could have seen it. I'm sure he would have been pleased, even though he probably would have said "You shouldn't have done it." Anyway, thank you, it's quite a tribute.

Milly Safford

### Water

Water is fundamental to life and although 70% of our planet surface is covered with the stuff only one half of one percent is accessible and fit for consumption – the equivalent of one tablespoon in a gallon jug. The rest is oceanic and salty, or locked up in glacial icecaps and deep underground aquifers. That single tablespoon of water continually moves across the globe in a cycle of evaporation and rainfall. It traverses the landscape through rivers, lakes and aquifers, and is held in an environment most efficiently by plants, grasses and trees. The uneven distribution of water around the world gives rise to radically diverse ecosystems from monsoon soaked tropics to arid deserts and creates unique challenges and opportunities for humans.

Humanity's health, peace and prosperity are most deeply tied to the access and efficient use of this most precious resource. Technologic advances that have harnessed the power of water have been the key factors in the rise of civilizations and standards of living (Roman aqueducts, Chinese canals, European waterwheels, and today's massive dams creating hydroelectric power). Ineffective management of water resources has resulted in war, famine, environmental disasters and empire collapse.

Today's technological advances have created both the opportunity to distribute water resources globally and a widening gap between the water "haves" and have-nots". Globally one in five (1.1 BILLION) people have access to less than one gallon of drinkable water daily. Twice that

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### Storm Window Inserts Workshop The Mid-Coast Green Collaborative will resume its 2011-2012 storm window workshop season on October 22 and continues with a workshop Scheduled for each Saturday throughout the heating These inserts are seasonally reusable clear (not opaque) plastic around a weather stripped pine frame. For single pane double - hung windows, they significantly reduce the cold air infiltration. For all windows, they add R-value. The materials are purchased at cost and participates receive instruction on building the windows at the workshop. The class starts at 8:30 AM each Saturday at the Learning Center Classroom of the Mid-Coast Energy Systems on Route 1 in Damariscotta. For more information about the workshops, or ordering materials call Bob Hardina at 563-5236 or email rhardina @tidewater.net.

Karen Robbins

# November 5: Arrowsic Artworks Town Hall 10am-3pm

Arrowsic Artworks is coming back **Saturday**, **November 5.** Come see local artists, and enjoy the creativity of our town. For more information, please contact Sukey Heard (443-6768) or Phine Ewing (443-9795).

# November 5: Arrowsic Fall Festival Rescheduled Fire Station 1pm-3pm

Cider pressing, Bike Parade, Fall Gathering!
Rescheduled on account of snow, come to the Fire
Station Saturday, November 5th from 1:00–3:00.
Bring yourself and a cup!

### November 8: Get out and Vote!

The easiest way to exercise (your rights) is on **Tuesday, November 8th**. The Town Hall will be open **10am-8pm** to accommodate your work day. Thank all the volunteers for their dedication! Remember, you can't complain about the system unless you do your part to change it.

# From the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee:

Our thanks to Mark Geiger. Mark volunteered and promptly completed the cleaning and painting of the town recycling shed.

Please consider visiting https://www.catalogchoice.org as an effective way of reducing unwanted "junk mail." A member of this committee has enrolled with terrific outcome.

Another recycling opportunity is now available at town shed: electronics such as stereo components, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CB radios, etc. You can now place these items on the lower shelf in the shed.

Note: TVs and computer monitors still are not allowed.

They are considered "universal waste" and should be delivered to an attendant at the Bath Landfill or Pine Tree waste. There is a handout further explaining universal waste in the shed.

**Reminders of other recycling opportunities** at the town shed: rechargeable and single use batteries, CD'S/DVD's, scrap metal.

### Curbside reminders:

**Separate** your recycling bins from your trash piles by at least 3 feet.

**Apply yellow recycling sticker to bin.** (Find sticker in town shed.)

**Flatten cardboard** because cardboard not flattened will be trashed.

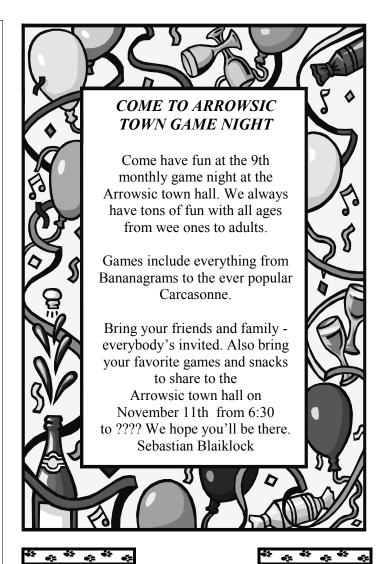
**No plastic bags** allowed in single stream recycling, not even to contain recyclables.

## Recycling is mandatory in Arrowsic.

Many of the above points are repeated from one Arrow to the next because we do see recurring mistakes and some cases of complete refusal to recycle. We also have many residents who are avid recyclers and who work hard to manage their waste appropriately.

The committee chair cleaned up and sorted several litter and dump sites over the summer. The largest dump pile weighed out at close to 800 lbs. Of the 800 lbs, 60 lbs were recycled, 80 lbs of clothes and toys were donated properly, and 660 lbs of bathroom demolition debris were trucked to West Bath drop off. We found the proof in this pile against the dumping offender. The case is not yet resolved. Please note: Your vigilance to witness dumpers, check for identifying items, and report the incident is our best tool to enable prosecution.

Please reuse, reduce, recycle, repair. Respectfully, ASWC Liz Ware

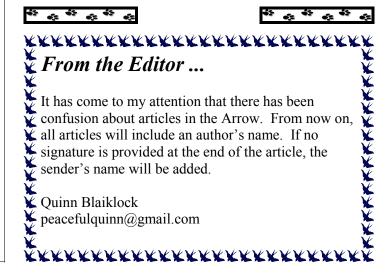


## 2012 Dog Licenses Available:

Your dog's current license will expire on December 31, 2011.

Late fee is February 1, 2012 \$25.00 by 2010 law.

Beat the rush!



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number (2.6 BILLION) lack the 5 gallons per day needed for rudimentary sanitation. Where rain fall is abundant the clear cutting of forests and natural vegetation strips the land of its ability to hold and manage run-off leading to flooding and landslides. Violence and social upheaval are direct consequences of these water stresses.

In our water rich country we directly use 100 gallons of water daily, much of it flushed down our toilets. Another 400 gallons/person per day is consumed for crop irrigation and energy production (coal, nuclear and steam turbines in hydroelectric power plants). The water that cycles through our human use is returned to the ecosystem loaded with contaminants and environmental hazards that must be managed. The US has managed its water resources well enough to maintain and distribute some of the cleanest drinking water in the world and maintain a high standard of sanitation. However, even here there is a growing sense of urgency around water. The urgency has been capitalized on by corporations and water has become a commodity sold to the water rich at \$10/gallon in designer plastic bottles that consume three times more water to produce than fill the bottle. This is a \$61 billion dollar global industry.

The global water crisis can feel remote until your own well runs dry. As an island community, Arrowsic floats in an abundance of undrinkable water. Our fresh water is derived solely from rain fed wells that must be carefully dug to avoid contamination with sea water. Our water waste management is dependent on functioning septic fields in our own back yards. These limiting factors encourage us to be mindful of our water use.

Conservation is the key –from sustainable forestry and wetland management, choosing efficient water use and treatment and using purchasing power. Remember that every energy or dollar expenditure you choose to make has a hidden water cost that is often paid by those who can least afford it.

For more information go to www.foodandwaterwatch.org or the union of concerned scientists at www.ucsusa.org/energy-water

Gretchen Sibley

# Invitation to Join the Arrowsic Group web site

Arrowsic maintains a Google group website called ARROWSIC GROUP that is designed to facilitate information exchange within the town's residents. Only Arrowsic residents can become members.

Town notices are sent to the group, as well as announcements of events, items for sale, and opportunities. To date 64 Arrowsic residents are members. 71 items have been posted since the site came on line. A few examples are: Notice for Bald Head Road Project, Director Sagadahoc County Emergency Management detailed account during hurricane Irene, Notice of Town Hall closing due to a snow storm, Note from the Arrowsic Solid Waste Committee, a few items for sale, and an invitation to Game Night at the Town Hall.

You can elect to receive posting notices by e-mail or not receive notices. If you elect not to receive posting notices, you can view them by visiting the Arrowsic Group web site.

Only Arrowsic residents may become members and to join requires only an email to Paul Kalkstein at "news@arrowsic.org" requesting membership. If you are not already a member of this group, please join. It is free and there is no spam. The group is at: http://groups. google.com/group/arrowsic. Remember, an e-mail to Paul Kalkstein, Arrowsic Webmaster, asking for an invitation will get you easily into the group.

Larry Wilson, Resident

# TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2011-2012

NOV. 4\* 18\*

DEC. 2\* 16\* 30\*

JAN. 13\* 27\*

FEB. 10\* 24\*

\*Denotes that curbside recycling is also picked up

### **Recycling is mandatory!**

(and a great idea! Have you seen the landfill?)

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Roz Mclean, Liz Parker Ware, or Damian Sokol.

### September 2011

ATER, ROBERT BARNES, ANNE BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM (2) BOYCE, STEVEN **BRIGGS ADVERTISING INC** BRIGGS, JANE BIRGGS, WALTER BROOKS, CRYSTAL BROWN, MICHAEL BRYANT, SARAH BURKE, JOANNE CAMPBELL, SHERMAN (2) CARLETON, JAMES CARLTON, ANN CATON, ROBERT CHAFFEE, JOHN DAVIS, SHAWN DRESSER, ARTHUR DUNN, FLOYD ELWELL, NORMA GEIGER, MARK GEIGER, MARK C (2) GUCKENBURG, GREGORY HANSON, JUNE HEWLETT, LOIS JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG MAGGIED, SANDY MORSE, RICHARD (2) NEILSON, WILLIAM PENDERGRASS, CASSANDRA PENDERGRASS, NANCY PIEH, JEROME PIEH, LUCY PINETTE, JAMES PINETTE, REBECCA ROOT, DONALD SAMUEL, GILES SCHLEIN, MONA I SEWALL, EDWARD III STAHL-MACLEOD,

Town of Arrowsic 340 Arrowsic Road Arrowsic, ME 04530

GRETCHEN

Sept. continued ...
STARBIRD, JAYNE (2)
STEPHENSON, MARK
STONE, JOHN JR
WARE, DOUGLAS
WARE, ELIZABETH
WEISS, DAVID
WELSH, JOSEPH (2)
WILSON, LAWRENCE
WISEMAN, KENNETH

### October 2011

BAKER, KENNETH BLANCHARD, HAROLD BROWN, ANITA CATON, ROBERT CRABTREE, R CHRISTIAN CREPEAU, KATE-LORENA DEMERS, THOMAS ELWELL, NORMA ELWELL, ROBERT FAVRO, PHILIP (2) GILES, SAMUEL GRILL, MARIA HEWLETT, HERBERT JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG (2) KING, STANLEY KNIGHT, MILDRED KREINDLER, MICHAEL LEBRUN, LEONARD MACLEOD, GRECHEN MARTIN, SANDRA MOUNT, PAMELA NELSON, ROBERT ORR, EDWARD PACKARD, PHILLIP PINETTE, CRAIG ROBINSON, HELEN STAFFORD, MILDRED TARBOX, CHARLES

WELSH, JOSEPH

### Car and Truck Registrations

### November 2011

AMES, SYLVIA ATER, JESSICA ATER, MATTHEW BERTSCHY, MELANE BRUMMER, KATHLEEN CARLTON, DALE COBB, LESLIE DETWILER, BRIAN ELWELL, RICHARD FOYE, JUSTIN GOODSPEED, GEORGE GRILL, CHRISTOPHER HARKINS, EILEEN JEWETT, KARLA JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG KAHRL, JULIA (2) KING, KATHY LEE, DARYL MALEY, DOROTHY MILLER, ELAINE ORR, WANDA PIEH, JEROME PINETTE, ANTHONY PUFF, STEPHAN ROGERS, JANICE ROGERS, ROBERT ROY, SHARON SCHUMAKER, WILLIAM STARBIRD, JOHN THOMAS, KATHRYN TTEE, UTD WEISS, DAVID WELSH, JOSEPH WOODRUFF, MARGARET

#### December 2011

BRAWN, PAMELA BROWN, CHARLOTTE BROWN, PAUL BRYANT, ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, SHERMAN CHAPIN, BARTON III DAVIS, SHAWN ELWELL, ROBERT ELWELL, ROBERT A BILES, SAMUEL GILLIAM, BRET GOWELL, R RANDALL II HARKINS, TIMOTHY III KALISH, ROBERT KANE, JEAN KNOWLES, ROBERT JR LAKIN, BARBARA LEVESQUE, REBECCA LOGAN, LUCY MCLUER, PAULINE PATZLAFF, GARY PUFF, DAVID ROLLINS, ELIZABETH SHAW, JOY SKILLINGS COLEMAN, **ELIZABETH** SULLIVAN, MICHAEL THEODORE, STEVEN WARNER, KEVIN WELCH, RACHEL WOODRUFF, PETER

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