

# THE ARROWSIC ARROW

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Dear Reader,

This issue of The Arrowsic Arrow has a few extra-Arrowsic items included. I have been working on a play with The Young Peoples Theater in Brunswick about nuclear war and hope for our future, and have been reminded once again that we ARE all neighbors, in this together. So, when we wish "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men" this holiday season, I believe we are all part of making it come true. Here's to inspiration.

**Note:** this was an important last minute inclusion to the newsletter, and as such will probably not reach folks in time to make the meeting. I printed it anyway to spread the word, and let you know where to call if you are interested in learning more.

Dear Neighbor,

On November 30, a very important meeting will take place. We will be forming a land trust in the Lower Kennebec River Region including the communities of Bath, Woolwich, Arrowsic, Georgetown, and West Bath. This meeting, the first, will be at the Patten Free Library in Bath at 7:00 PM.

Land trusts are community-based organizations which act in the public interest to acquire property, conservation easements, and other interests in real property for the purpose of enabling public use or benefit from the land. Protected properties may include shoreland access points, coastal islands, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, farmlands, river corridors, historic sites and buildings, and others.

The agenda for the meeting will be to learn about land trusts, how they work, what they have accomplished in other communities, and to begin the process of forming a trust here.

We have a chance to make a difference, to take steps towards preserving those resources that are critical to the character of our communities. It is our hope that a Lower Kennebec River land trust will be a vehicle to shape future land use and conservation policy within our communities.

Please attend this meeting and invite your neighbors, friends, and others to come as well.

For the Arrowsic Conservation Commission,  
Jack Witham  
Bill Blaiklock

PS If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting please contact Jack Witham (443-3697) for further information or to be included on our mailing list.

## FUN THINGS TO DO THESE HOLIDAYS:

Anyone that would like to Christmas Carol around town, call Nancy Brown Stump **by Dec. 4**, and we'll plan from there.

On **Sunday, Dec. 18** from 3 to 4 in the afternoon, we'll have Christmas Story Theater for Young People (come and take part, or just watch if you want!). Cider and cookies for treats. We'll send a reminder on the 14th or 15th with the kids that ride the bus, and post a sign on the door at the town hall Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call Patty at 443-4650.

Are you interested in being part of a performance of A CHILDS CHRISTMAS IN WALES in an informal Christmas get together at the town hall? Come to a meeting at the town hall on **Dec 4 at 7pm**. If you'd like to take part and can't make the meeting, call and leave a message for Patty Olds at 443-4650.

## NOTICES:

**On Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm**, we will hold a public meeting at the Town Hall to introduce you to Mike Austin, the Assessor that the Selectmen have hired to help us in doing a property revaluation for 1989. Come and ask questions!

**The Road Commission** has hired a couple of people from town to cut back growth along Rt. 127. This is part of our No Spray agreement with the state. Any questions, call Jenny Jorgensen at 442-7533.

**The Planning Board** will have comprehensive plan meetings Dec. 5 and 19 at 7:00 pm. At the Public Forum on the 28th, the handed out summaries of the survey and a list of goals and recommendations. We will publish this information beginning with the next Arrow. Public comment is welcome and encouraged. Call Lucy Stinson for more information- 443-395.

It's been a long but fruitful year for the department, starting with the delivery of the new mini-pumper in January, and the training that followed:

- Live cottage burns in Bath, West Bath, and Arrowsic
  - Car fire training in Georgetown
  - Hazardous materials class in Woolwich
  - The brush pile burn that incorporated all our mutual aid partners
  - and, currently the chief and I are attending a ten week course on Fire Ground Command, one night each week for ten hours
- We continue upgrading our equipment as the need arises and we see where we are lacking. Grants have been applied for and approved for forestry and radio equipment

The dry hydrant was recently completed at Elwell's pond, the backhoe work was contributed by Neil Amerault of Georgetown. I recently received word from Jeff Galuza that the new doors for the Fire Station are in. Volunteers will be needed for installation, please contact Tony Carey or Myself if you are interested.

The old fire truck, the 1948 Chevrolet, was sold for \$500. The check was deposited into the General Account as directed. And last, but as usual, the pitch for volunteers. Your fire department needs your support in any way you can. Please contact me or any member for more information.

Assistant Chief  
Ray Hutton

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**REMINDERS**

- it is wood burning season again, please insure your chimneys have been inspected and/or cleaned! Long low fires can build creosote that can ignite. These fires spread very rapidly and cause severe damage.
- With Christmas around the corner, inspect the wiring on your lights. Replace if frayed or if you have any doubts. Check all cords from time to time.

**A SHORT COMMERCIAL:**

"However much our ideas and ideologies clash, remember that nothing is more important for survival and for happiness in life than feelings of understanding and commonness of human purpose. All of the nations on Earth are acting like spoiled children who are fighting over marbles. Children forget that their happiness comes not from the possession of the marbles, but from the fun of playing together."

taken from **THE HUNDREDTH MONKEY**, by Ken Keyes, Jr. a wonderfully informative and inspiring book about the reality of nuclear arms and living together on this planet. Over one million copies have been sold. For sale at the Town Hall for \$1.00 (sold in bookstores for \$2.00). The proceeds will go to World Peace efforts, and families of the victims of the bomb in Hiroshima. If you'd like to see a copy and don't want to wait for town hall hours, you can call me, Patty Olds at 443-4650

**Another book of interest to Arrowsic residents** is the story of the Clark/Lake settlement and ongoing archaeological dig on the Back River (off the Old Stage Road). It is published by the Maine Historical Preservation Group, and is available for \$12.00 through the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance on Mason Street in Brunswick. They will be hosting an open house on Saturday, Dec 10 from 1-5. Many authors will be on hand signing books, and there will be refreshments. Normal hours are Monday through Friday, 9-5. Call 729-6333 for more information

**Recycling News**

We need volunteers to help unload the Arrowsic Recycling building every two weeks or so. You need a pickup truck and a couple of hours to give. Call Jeff Mann at 443-6174.

Thanks.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**

- A three foot stack of recycled newspapers can spare one tree. Recycling all the copies of one Sunday edition of the New York Times would spare 122,000 trees in our threatened forests.
- Recycling paper cuts energy use by 50 percent
- Recycling paper (rather than producing new paper) reduces water use by 60 percent and generates over 50 percent fewer pollutants.
- There are similar large savings of resources, energy and pollutants from recycling of glass, aluminum and steel.
- Money saved from tipping fees and for sale of recyclables can lower your taxes.

**WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE LESS GARBAGE?**

**WHEN MAKING A PURCHASE ASK:**

- Will it decompose naturally?
- Can it be recycled?
- Is it compatible with current recycling programs?
- Is it "environmentally friendly?"
- Will it leave a permanent dilemma for our children?

The following vehicles have registrations due in December

- AMES, HAROLD III
- BERTOCCI, S T
- BLAIKLOCK, NOREEN
- BROWN, CHARLES W
- BROWN, CHARLOTTE
- BROWN, CHARLOTTE
- CAMPBELL, SHERMAN
- CATES, NANCY D
- CHANDLER, AUBREY
- COST, WILLIAM T
- DRESSER, ARTHUR E
- GARDNER, WILLIAM
- GATES, GEORGE E
- HAINES, JESSE H
- HALL, NANCY
- KRACHY, ROBERTA
- LAWRENCE, SANDRA L
- LEVESQUE, CLARENCE
- MCLVER, JOHN W
- MOORE, GEORGE D
- ORR, EDWARD
- PINETTE, JEFFERY
- PROCTOR, RONALD G
- SMITH, JOHN
- SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY S
- WARNER, JOHN W
- WEISS, SANDRA W
- WEST, BARBARA
- YEATON, GUY

**Special Thanks** for your support  
Pat Marcourt  
Annie and Ira Nodine  
Bill Phinney

**The Arrowsic Fire Department Boosters** had their annual meeting on November 2, 1988. New officers were elected and are as follows: Tony Carey, President; Bill Krachy, Vice President, Pat Hutton, Secretary; and Robin Krachy, treasurer. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 1:30 PM at the Fire Barn - everyone's attendance will be greatly appreciated

**HISTORY MAKING ITEM**

Of the 322 registered voters in town  
77 (24%) are Republicans  
152 (47%) are Democrats  
93 (29%) are unenrolled on November 8, 1988  
70 (91%) of the Republicans voted  
138 (91%) of the Democrats voted  
81 (87%) of the unenrolled voted  
289 (89.8%) of the registered voters voted.  
A turnout like this makes it hard for future voters to set new records.  
Mildred R. Stafford, Town Historian  
note from the editor. I was going to publish election results for Arrowsic and the state, but the state's numbers aren't all in yet. Next issue.

**The next issue of the Arrow** will be published the week before Christmas. Any submissions should be in by Dec. 16.