

The Arrowsic Arrow

News From the Arrowsic School Committee/RSU 1 School Board

On April 9, 2008 at 6:00 at Town Hall the Arrowsic School Committee and members of the School Board of the Lower Kennebec Region School Unit (RSU #1) will present the first budget of our consolidated school district. The budget for the entire RSU will be presented with particular attention to Arrowsic's portion of the budget. Please plan to attend this meeting to give feedback to the board and to learn about the state's new budget validation process.

On April 15th at 6:00, the RSU #1 School Board will hold its formal, regularly scheduled meeting at Arrowsic Town Hall. The School Board is planning to rotate its regularly scheduled meetings in each of the towns of the RSU. All School Board meetings are open to the public, so please feel free to attend the RSU #1 School Board regular meetings to hear about the business of the new school unit and to bring any comments or concerns to the board.

As a reminder, after June 30, 2008 the Arrowsic School Committee will be dissolved and the town's educational business will be the responsibility of RSU#1. Two Arrowsic residents, Tim Harkins and Francie Tolan, are elected representatives on the RSU#1 School Board. Please contact them with any questions or concerns regarding school matters.

Honors Garden

The properties committee is thinking spring! We envision the town's Rhododendron and Lilac bush in bloom, green grass and trees in leaf. Now we're ready to think about honoring Lillian Gowen with a Hydrangea in her memory. We would like others in town to buy a shrub, maybe a Rhode to plant in honor of someone, or a donation of material such as top soil, mulch or compost. We would like your help with design, planting, watering, pruning and

other maintenance work. Call us with your ideas, to volunteer or donate material: The Properties Sub Committee, Millie Stafford 443-5832, Ann Ater 443-1519, Betty Wilson 443-6970.



Ariel view of Squirrel Point

Chewonki Foundation Signs 15 Year License for Squirrel Point

The Chewonki Foundation manages 1,200 acres of land in Maine for conservation and education purposes, and offers a broad array of environmental education, natural history, conservation and wilderness programs. Scores of Arrowsic residents and others have in various ways worked towards the preservation of Squirrel Point. In February 2005, federal Judge D. Brock Hornby ruled in favor of Citizens for Squirrel Point and ordered Squirrel Point's deed reverted to the Coast Guard. Although the Coast Guard had intended to re-award the deed through the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act to a qualified nonprofit organization selected by the National Parks Service, discovery of lead contamination from old batteries stored on the property prevented an immediate re-



transfer of ownership. At its 2007 membership (continued on page 5)



Georgetown Fire Chief Larry Mann (left) talks to Chief Chris Cummings (middle) and Captain Mike Kreindler (right), Geoff Cartmell holds the rope, Lenny LeBrun prepares to go in the water, Jeremy Blaiklock gets out, Ready, set, go?

The Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department

On the snowy Saturday morning of February 23, members of the Georgetown and Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Departments donned orange immersion suits and broke through the ice at Nequasset stream to practice cold-water rescue techniques. Training sessions take place once a month. Volunteer Geoff Cartmell moved to Arrowsic a couple of years ago. "I didn't know quite what I could really do," he said. "But they've had extensive training for us with Woolwich and Bath and Georgetown. We've got a great bunch of volunteers, doing the best they can with the limited equipment that we have. The best thing about it is people are ready to jump in and help." Other recent sessions have focused on CPR/first aid, pump training, and forest fires.

The AVFD responded to about forty calls in 2007. One of them came from Bart Chapin's cellphone. On the last day of November a half mile down the trail to Squirrel Point, Bart and Lucy's young border collie, temporarily blinded by their flashlights, ran straight into Lucy, breaking Lucy's leg in several places. Chris Carlton, Geoff Cartmell, Jeremy Blaiklock, Roger and Sukey Heard, Lenny LeBrun, and Chris Cummings and the Bath ambulance crew responded to the 911 call. "It was really reassuring to have your neighbors show up," Lucy Hull says. "And it was amazing - they were there in fifteen minutes. Everyone was very

competent and professional. My leg had to be splinted and they put me on a stretcher to carry me back down the trail. The AVFD is a wonderful expression of community in Arrowsic and I am very grateful to them."

With nine calls in January and three in February, 2008 has been busy so far. Most calls in town are for medical emergencies, car accidents, woods fires and chimney fires. Arrowsic has also received a level of recognition for supplying regional mutual aid. In addition to taking the pumper truck to surrounding communities to shuttle for water supply, Arrowsic's mini-pumper is able to get into narrow access points that have a water source, and Arrowsic's brush truck can supply equipment for twenty-five people to fight a woods fire. The smaller trucks can also be used to control traffic at accident sites -- one of the most dangerous aspects of emergency response.

In exchange, Arrowsic relies on receiving aid from neighboring fire departments for major fires and structural fire response, which it is not equipped to handle.

"I volunteered so I could do something for the community," Lenny LeBrun says. "My kids are grown up, so I had the time. It's interesting and rewarding. There's a sense of camaraderie in an organization like this. I'm on the BIW fire brigade, too, so I had some training already. And volunteering for mutual aid helps keep the tax base down -- if we didn't have it we'd have to pay for service."

In 2007 the brush truck barn was finished with sheetrock, paint and heat. Fire Chief Chris Cummings has been active as well in obtaining grant funding for AVFD equipment needs. This year the Department received funding for two-thirds of the cost of a new infrared camera, defibrillator, and turnout gear, which can run to \$2,500 per outfit. The AVFD has developed a ten year plan for replacing equipment: the next major equipment need is a new mini-pumper. Chief Cummings hopes to obtain ninety-five percent of the cost of a new mini through grants. Arrowsic acquired the existing mini in 1987.

Current active members of the AVFD are: Chris Cummings, Chief; Dale Carlton, Deputy

Chief; Jeremy Blaiklock, Chris Carlton, Geoffrey Cartmell, Ruth Fatscher, Roger Heard, Sukey Heard, John Hinds, Mike Kreindler, Lenny LeBrun, Will Neilson, and Nancy Sferra. Chief Cummings says, "We can always use volunteers. Contact anyone in the department."

"Of all the town committees to get involved in, the Fire Department is about taking action," Mike Kreindler adds. "You get the call, everybody comes together, you head out with a truck full of equipment, sometimes in the dark, and you never know quite what it'll be, but you deal with it. You can count on each other. It's satisfying."

- Submitted by Lee Johnson for the AVFD

From the Road Commission:

As we are all acutely aware, this winter is the most challenging in regard to the roads that we have seen in many years. The Road Commission urges all drivers to be particularly cautious because road conditions, i.e. snow, ice, broken pavement, heaving, road sand/gravel, etc, is widespread and unavoidable. For the safety of all and to minimize the likelihood of damage to your vehicle, please drive carefully and slowly.

As usual, the Road Commission will be posting the Town roads soon, likely within the next month. Please plan all home projects accordingly; heavy vehicle traffic will be limited. When the posting will be lifted is always unpredictable, but will not likely happen until May.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Stump at 442-7527.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Scheduled:

Please store your HHW (chemicals, old fuel, oil-based paints, etc.) until the next collection event, which will be on May 10, 2008. You are encouraged to consolidate loads, given that the town will pay for disposal "by the container." For example, 3 cans of oil-based paint with 1 inch in the bottom of each are counted as if they are 3 full cans, so it helps if you combine partial cans into one to minimize the total number. **HOWEVER, DO NOT MIX**

DIFFERENT CHEMICALS TOGETHER. Pre-registration is required by calling the Bath Landfill (443-8356 or 443-8357) starting April 21. When you call, please have information ready about roughly what kind and amount of HHW you have. It is wise to call early, as there is limited space available, and we operate on a first call, first served basis. For more information, please visit the small white shed by the town hall and look inside for handouts about HHW. The shed is always unlocked.

Georgetown Central School

February/March 2008

The New Year started with some new additions to our school family. In late December our kitchen manager Sandi Clark welcomed her first grandchild, Sabra Megan Lorrimer. Then in early January our librarian Megan Fuller gave birth to Avery Elizabeth.

We are very proud of our 6th grade math team for placing third at the Southern Maine math meet in January. Congratulations to Paige Martin and Emma Cota who tied for second place in the individual competition.

While we're offering congratulations to students for our achievements, we need to recognize Emma Cota who won our school Geography Bee, Nathaniel Geoffrion and Katie Goodspeed who will be going to the Honors Band Festival this month, Oliver Kruze and Emma Cota who are going to the Lincoln/Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee, and Hannah Maloy who won the Times Record art contest.

Archery and Ice Fishing got started this month. Our boat builders continue to work on their Ansel skiff every Wednesday afternoon, thanks to Wil Ansel and Bob Trabona.

Children's Stage Adventures arrived in mid-February for a week-long theater residency. I hope you were able to see our performance of "The Princess and The Pea"!

Finally, we would like to recognize the passing of Hal Bonner. Hal gave a great deal to our school through Mushroom Walks, Chess clubs, and lots of science activities. We will miss him.

Routine Cleaning of Town Hall

The Selectmen are looking for someone interested in vacuuming the town hall floors, cleaning the rest room and taking the trash out for curbside pickup.

The time commitment would be 1-2 hours per week for the cleaning and trash to curbside, every Friday during the summer months and biweekly during the winter months.

Presently this is a volunteer position with no pay

but a great amount of thanks. Interested parties should contact any selectmen or let our town clerk know of your interest.

All Terrain Vehicles

There have been several inquiries regarding the operation of ATVs on sensitive land in Arrowsic.

The Maine ATV Law, 3157A, article 27 establishes the areas where the operation of an ATV is prohibited:

- 1) on a salt marsh, intertidal zone, marine sand beach, sand dune or any cemetery, burial place or burying ground,
- 2) when the ground is not frozen and sufficiently covered with snow to prevent direct damage to the vegetation:
 - a) on alpine tundra,
 - b) on a freshwater marsh or bog, river, brook, stream, great pond, non-forested wetland or vernal pool; or
 - c) in a source water protection area.

Arrowsic also has a town ordinance addressing the operation of an ATV. Both the town ordinance and the State of Maine ATV Laws and Rules are available at Town Hall.

Opening For Arrowsic Town Clerk Position

This is a call for anyone interested in serving Arrowsic as town clerk. Heather Baker will not be a candidate for the upcoming year as she and husband Ken will be leaving this summer for an extended cruise on their sailboat.

The position pays \$3,000 per year. The time commitment is each Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Friday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and every 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month as secretary for the Selectmen's meetings. The Town Clerk has additional responsibilities during town, state and federal elections.

Please consider making this important contribution to the operation of our town. Interested parties should talk with Heather for more details and job description material.

Arrowsic Trash & Recycling Calendar 2008

January	11*	25*			
February	8*	22*			
March	7*	21*			
April	4*	18*			
May	2*	16*	30*		
June	6	13*	20	27*	
July	3	11*	18	25*	
August	1	8*	15	22*	29
September	5*	19*			
October	3*	17*	31*		
November	14*	28*			
December	12*	26*			

* Recycling and trash removal

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meeting, Citizens for Squirrel Point enthusiastically

and unanimously voted to endorse Chewonki's license application and to support Chewonki's stewardship of the Light in a 'friends of' capacity. The fifteen year licensing agreement from the Coast Guard gives the Chewonki Foundation all rights to use and restore the property, and at the same time gives Chewonki a considerable period to determine whether ultimately owning the property will be a good fit with their programming as well as a

sustainable financial obligation.

Through the spring, Chewonki, CSP, any and all other volunteers will be scoping what needs to get done in terms of remediation, restoration and maintenance of the property, and beginning to develop an agenda for future projects, programs, and events. It's fairly safe to anticipate there will be some community events occurring at the Light as the weather gets finer; in addition that help will be welcome with event planning, collection and archival of Squirrel Point history, development of a website, fund-raising, skilled and unskilled manual labor (carpentry, brush-hauling, mowing, equipment transport, painting, etc, etc).

If you would like to be kept abreast of activities at the Light and are not already on CSP's email list, send your email address (also please update if you are already a CSP member but your email address has changed!) to arrowsiclee@gwi.net.

Donations towards Squirrel Point restoration and projects can be sent either to CSP c/o Brian Detwiler, 50 Island Hill Road, or directly to Chewonki (see www.chewonki.org). Both organizations are 501(c)3 nonprofits and contributions are tax-deductible. This year's CSP Board is: Lee Johnson, President; Fred Kahrl, Vice President; Wiebke Theodore, Secretary; Brian Detwiler, Treasurer; Charlotte Brown, Susan Lubner, and Nancy Sferra. Squirrel Point's grounds remain open to the public, and the hike is a little less than a mile, accessible from the trailhead at the far end of Bald Head Road.

Car Registrations

February

Ater, R.
Ater, R.
Baker, D.
Baker, K.
Baker, K.
Bassett, K.
Bassett, K.
Beuttell, J.
Biehler, J.
Blake, L.
Briggs ADV
Brooks, D.
Brooks, D.
Brooks, D.
Bryant, B.
Bryant, D.
Carlton, D.
Collier, S.
Crabtree, K.
Elwell, N.
Emerson, R.
Giles, S. (3)
Goodwin, P.
Hinds, J. (2)
Holley, L.

Jewett, D.
Jorgensen, M. (3)
Jorgensen
Land. (6)
Lachapelle, O.
Levesque, R.
Macleod, J. (2)
Maley, K.
Mount, P.
Nodine, A.
Orr, E. (2)
Packard, P.
Paradis, R.
Pelletier, R.
Pinette, James
Pinette, Jeffery
Puff, D.
Rhythmic Cable
Root, D.
Ross, B.
Ross, W.
Santerre R. (2)
Schlien, P.
Scott, N.
Shover, E.
Starbird, R.

Stoebe, J.
Stoebe, S.
Swearington, R.
Swearington, R.
Tarbox, C.
Therodore, S.
Thomas, K.
Thomas, R.
Walsh, T.

March

Ames, H.
Ater, R.
Bassett, D.
Blanchard, H.
Bryant, D.
Burke, J.
Davis, N.
Dunn, F.
Dunn, F.
Elwell, K.
Forrest, R.
Heard, R.
Johnson, R.
Jones, Jody
Jorgensen, M.

Robbins Const.
King, C.
King, S.
Knowles, E.
Law, D.
Lebrun, J.
Lubner, S.
Lyden, D.
Macmahan, J.
McDonald, F.
McGowan, B.
Nelson, R.
Neil, D.
Neil, D.
Packard, P. (2)
Page, R.
Pinette, James
Rhythmic
Cable (3)
Schlien, P.
Starbird, J.
Stone, J.
Stuart, S.
Sullivan, M.
Sullivan, T.
Thomas, R.

Tolan, J. (2)
Walker, S.
Warner, J.
Yeaton, G.

April

Barnes, D.
Bejma, A.
Beveridge, R.
Blaiklock, J. (2)
Blaiklock, Q.
Brett, J.
Brown, L.
Bryant, D.
Carlton, J.
Caton, R.
Coleman, G.
DL Peterson
Trust
Dunn, D.
Dunn, F.
Dunn, S.
Elwell, M.
Fitzherbert, D.
Giles, S.
Gukenburg, G.

Gukenburg, M.
Gunston, K.
Huene, A.
Jones, J.
Jorgensen
Land. (3)
Kingsbury, B.
Kurrus, C.
Levesque, R. (3)
Macmahan, J.
Martin, A.
Mcluer, J.
Neilson, W.
Orr, E.
Packard, N.
Ron Elwell
Plumb.
Shaw, J.
Shover, E.
Stone, J.
Stuart, S.
Sullivan, T.
Theodore, S.
Warner, J.
Wilson, E.
Wood, J.



Annual Roadside Cleanup

*Sponsored by the Arrowsic
Conservation Commission*

Saturday, May 10th
9:30 to noon or thereabouts

Raindate: Sunday May 11th
(Mother's Day!)

Do what your Mom
says and clean up your mess!

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Arrowsic, ME 04530

Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
