

# Arrowsic Arrow

May 2007 Web Edition

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## From Your Selectmen

The Public Hearing for the 2007 Town Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The School Committee and the Planning Board will explain the warrant articles they will be presenting. Selectmen will be available to answer questions as well.

Our local State Representative, Bruce MacDonald, would like everyone to know that he can be contacted at [bmacdon@adelphia.net](mailto:bmacdon@adelphia.net).

Applications for the Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Program for the 2005 tax year must be filed by May 31, 2007. Applications are available at Town Hall or online at [www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/tnr.htm](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/tnr.htm).

The 2007 Arrowsic Town Meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30, at the Georgetown Central School, on Baypoint Road. See you there.

## A Reminder from Codes Enforcement

NOTICE:

Under the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance

in Shoreland and Resource Protection Districts within 100 Feet of high water:

Sec. 3.2.3(a)iv: "In order to maintain a buffer strip of vegetation, when the removal of storm damaged, diseased, unsafe or dead trees results in the creation of cleared openings, these openings shall be replanted with native tree species unless existing new tree growth is present."

Questions? Contact the CEO: 442-7443

## From Your Animal Control Officer

As many of you know, coyotes were very active on the island last year, and I expect them to continue this year. I received several calls about missing cats, which were probably victims of coyotes or other predators. Also, last year, Sagadahoc county had a large number of rabies cases; in fact we were in the top three for the state. To keep your pets safe, please don't let them roam at large unsupervised, and do not feed coyotes or any other wild animals in your yard. Thank you. Jeremy Blaiklock, ACO (H#) 443-4630 (Cell #) 232-0055.

## Calling All 4 year Olds!

Georgetown Central School is considering offering a preschool program next year. The program would be offered four days a week with 1/2 day sessions. Transportation would be provided.

Please call Georgetown School, 371-2160, if you have a child who will be four years old on or before October 15th 2007 and are interested in a preschool program.

## **Alewife Study**

### *Volunteers Needed*

For the past ten years, the Arrowsic Conservation Commission has requested and received shipments of roughly 500 alewives each spring from the Department of Marine Resources. This year, the ACC decided to try to determine how many of these fish come back in the spring, and how this differs from abundance in the past. Responses to the survey run in last winter's Arrow indicate that in the 1960s, about 75 bushels were harvested each spring. This declined to 53 bushels the spring before the Alewife fishery was closed for conservation purposes in the early 1980s. There had also been some elver (young eel) netting in the early 80s.

One factor in the decline of returning alewives may have to do with obstruction of Sewall Creek. The ACC worked with Maine Department of Transportation to remove debris from above the culvert under Route 127, and to clear the eddy pool downstream. MDOT is aware of our efforts to re-establish the fishery, and is willing to help when possible. John Wood and Karen Robbins made a hydrological survey of the creek channel. We may design and install a fish ladder to allow fish passage into the pond at all tides rather than just at high tide.

Many of you may have seen a wire and wood structure newly built into Sewall Pond at the outlet. This is a fish trap, from which we will count and record the fish entering the pond after each high tide. Alewives make their run into inland ponds when the water temperature is between about 12 and 14 degrees centigrade. During the fine weather at the beginning of the last full week in April, water temperature hovered just under 12 degrees, and several fish were caught in the trap. The temperature has since subsided to near 10 degrees (as of this writing, April 28), and the trap has been empty.

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping to count and record the alewives (and any other fish species present), and net them out of the trap and return them to Sewall Pond outside of the trap thus assuring a spawning population for this season. There will be a training session for volunteers on Saturday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the culvert on Route 127.

## **Vehicle Registrations**

### **April**

Barnes, D.

Beveride, R.

Blaiklock, J.

Blaiklock, Q.

Brett, C.

Brown, L.

Coleman, G.

D. L. Peterson Tr.

Downs, F.

Dunn, F. (2)

Dunn, S.

Elwell, M.

Giles, S.

Guckenburg, G.

Guckenburg, M.

Gunston, K.

Huene, A.

Jorgensen Land. (3)

Kingsbury, B.

Kurrus, C.

Levesque, R. (2)

Mackie, S.

MacMahan, J.

Martin, A.

McLure, J.

Orr, E.

Packard, N.

Packard, P.

Ron Elwell Plumb.

Shaw, J.

Shover, E.

Starbird, R.

Stone, J.

Stuart, S.

Sullivan, T.

Theodore, S.

Warner, J.

Willoughby, S.

Wilson, E.	Rhythmic Cable	Giles, S. (2)
Wood, J.	Rollins, E. (2)	Gilliam, G.
<b>May</b>	Swan, A.	Gunston, K.
Arsenault, M.	Shultz, R.	Jewett, D.
Arsenault, P.	Spencer, J.	Jones, J. N.
Barter, M.	Stoebe, J.	Jorgensen, M.
Beaton, D.	Ulmer, W.	Jorgensen . (2)
Brooks, D.	Warner, K.	Kehl, J.
Campbell, S.	Warner, L.	Kimball, S.
Carlton, A.	Webster, E.	Kingsbury, R.
Caffee, B.	Weiss, D.	Kreindler, M.
Chapin, E.	Weiss, S.	Lachapelle, O.
Conner, P.	Wilson, L.	Levesque, C.
Cunningham, L.	Wiseman, E.	Miller, A.
Elwell, D.	Wood, J. (2)	Morse, A.
Elwell, R. (2)	<b>June</b>	Newcomb, D.
Fitzherbert, D.	Belleville, R. (2)	Olde K.W.C.
Galuz, J.	Bertocci, M.	Oneil, D.
Geiger, M.	Beveridge, K.	Orr, E.
Giles, S.	Blaiklock, W.	Paradis, R.
Hanson, J.	Blanchard, H.	Pinette, R.
Harkins, E.	Bryant, D.	Robinson, H.
Harkins, T.	Campbell, S.	Ross, W. (2)
Harper, M. (2)	Chandler, J.	Eoy, S.
Heard, S.	Chapin, B.	Simmons, C.
Heard, R.	Crabtree, R.	Simmons, T.
Hewlett, H.	Dauphin, C.	Sokol, D.
Jorgensen, M. (4)	Downs, G.	Stoebe, S.
Jorgensen Land. (2)	Elkin, S.	Stone, J.
Kingsbury, R.	Elwell, B.	Sullivan, T.
Lebrun, L.	Elwell, E.	Tarbox, C.
Lyden, D.	Elwell, N.	Toland, J.
McLean, R.	Ewing, J.	Ulmer, W.
McLeur, J.	Fatscher, R..	Webster, E.
Oleary, R.	Gaillard, M.	Weiss, D.
Paradis, R.	Galuz, J.	Weiss, H.
Pinette, J.	Gibbons, L.	

### ***Spring 2007***

Well, since the last edition of the Arrow we've certainly gotten what we wished for! Lots and lots of snow! We have enjoyed snowshoeing and sledding and building forts and since it's snowing as I write this column in mid-April, it doesn't look like the end is in sight!

The Hooked on Fishing kids were able to celebrate the end of their activity with ice fishing on Charles' Pond. They had a GREAT time and lots of community members joined them on the ice!

We were thrilled to have lots of familiar community faces join us for our annual Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day in February. Children celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and enjoyed listening to stories read by Don Cowing, Sukey Heard, and Tom McCandless.

Throughout the school year, our teachers conducted research studies to improve their instructional practice. This spring, one group of teachers looked at our writing curriculum from kindergarten through second grade. Their work will ensure that we provide a solid writing foundation in the primary grades. A second group studied "nature deficit" children (the phenomenon of children in our country who don't spend much time outside experiencing nature). As part of their research project, we are planning a "Nature Day" on the afternoon of Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>. We plan to offer orienteering, bird watching, nature hunts, and other fun activities. If you are a "nature buff" and would like to volunteer to help out, please call us!

If you've been following our boat building project, our snub nosed pram is finished and we can't wait to launch it! Our celebration launch will be on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Todd's Landing. We are deeply grateful to Bath Iron Works for giving us the "seed money" to start this project and to Wil Ansel for teaching our students how to build the boat. This has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them. We will be raffling the pram off during the Working League Fair in August!

You won't want to miss our Theater Kids production! The students have written their own play this year, it celebrates all of the many talents of local residents. Students are interviewing residents to learn more about them and will then be "portraying" them in the play. Be on the look out for local lobstermen, jewelers, quilters, boat builders, artists, and chefs. You won't want to miss this show! Please join us on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm here at the school or Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Community Center.

Finally, we are very excited to welcome our new neighbors, the Georgetown Historical Society, to their new home in June. Our students will be preparing items for the Time Capsule and our teachers are looking forward to building a collaborative partnership with the Society. Their wealth of historical information will be such an asset to our curriculum!

It's never a dull moment around here! Stop in anytime!

### **Notes From Solid Waste**

Single Stream: Please remember that containers which held hazardous materials ex. antifreeze or oil containers, styrofoam food packaging, pizza boxes, and plastic bags of any kind are unacceptable for single stream regardless of how well you clean these items. Recycling batches may be rejected when these items are found in processing.

#### Notes:

- 1) Trash/recycling information handouts and recycling decals are available 24/7 at the shed at town hall.
- 2) Thank you to all the respondents for our pay per bag inquiry from the February *Arrow*. We will continue this discussion in the coming months.

**Yard Sale  
to benefit the  
Arrowsic Scholarship Fund**

**June 23rd  
9am-noon**

**At the Arrowsic Town Hall**

**Drop off items at town hall the morning of the 23rd from 8-9am or bring them to  
Jeremy Blaiklock's 443-4630 or Maria Grill's 442-8152 the week before.**