

New volunteer opportunities for a cleaner planet

By Bill Savedoff, Sukey Heard and Michele Gaillard

Kudos to John Hinds who has served as chair of the Arrowsic Solid Waste & Recycling committee for the past 8 years. John has led the committee, which supervises waste collection. He has been a consistent and patient source of ideas and encouragement for reducing waste. We are seeking someone to replace John as chair of the committee as soon as possible.

He has agreed to remain on the committee and continue contributing when he can. Thank you, John, for all your hard work.

We would also like to **thank Liz Ware** who has also served on the committee for many years and will be stepping down once a replacement can be found. Thank you, Liz!

And of course, a big Thank You to the committee's continuing members: Damian Sokol, Judy Kahrl, and Roz McLean.

What this means is that YOU have a wonderful opportunity to help your neighbors, keep taxes down, and simultaneously contribute to a cleaner healthier planet. If you have any inclination at all, please step up to chair or join the Arrowsic Solid Waste & Recycling committee by emailing or calling John Hinds or one of the Select Board members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31 Last paper copy of the Arrowsic Arrow mailed to residents. Email copies will be sent, the newsletter will be available on the website www.arrowsic.org, and a small number of paper copies will be available at the Town Hall

September 5th at 4:30pm in the Town Hall.
Arrowsic School Committee Meeting

New Age Communication

By Bill Savedoff, Sukey Heard, and Michele Gaillard

Until 20 years ago, first-class postage or hand delivery were the only effective ways to reach everyone with important Town news. But with the explosion of internet technologies, things are changing quickly. Some people still prefer to rely on the U.S. mail while others have embraced a paperless world. The cost of communicating by the U.S. mail has also increased substantially. It now costs the Town about \$200 each time it sends out a notice to each and every resident and taxpayer and, even so, we've had complaints that the postal service isn't delivering *The Arrow* to everyone.

As a result, the Select Board has decided to send out a form asking each resident about their preferred form of contact. If enough residents opt to receive Town notices via email, then we can still send first-class mail to those who prefer hardcopy while simultaneously reducing the overall costs of communication.

We'll be sending out a form later this fall once we've considered issues like confidentiality. Be sure to check your mailboxes and help out by promptly filling it out and returning it to us.

Thank you!

TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2013

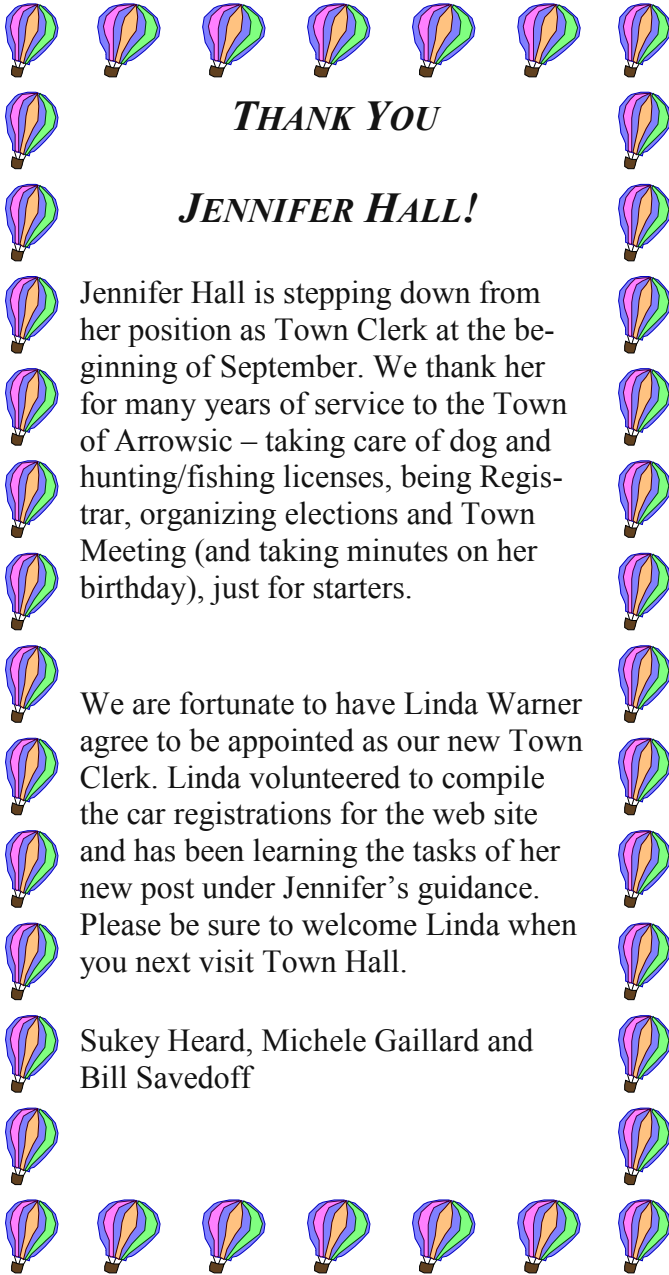
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() trash only-- hold your recycling for next pick up

Recycling is mandatory!

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

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



THANK YOU

JENNIFER HALL!

Jennifer Hall is stepping down from her position as Town Clerk at the beginning of September. We thank her for many years of service to the Town of Arrowsic – taking care of dog and hunting/fishing licenses, being Registrar, organizing elections and Town Meeting (and taking minutes on her birthday), just for starters.

We are fortunate to have Linda Warner agree to be appointed as our new Town Clerk. Linda volunteered to compile the car registrations for the web site and has been learning the tasks of her new post under Jennifer’s guidance. Please be sure to welcome Linda when you next visit Town Hall.

Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard and Bill Savedoff

Zoning Board of Appeals has two vacancies!

The Zoning Board of Appeals has two vacancies at this time. The role of the ZBA is to hear and decide appeals from aggrieved parties regarding decisions of the Arrowsic Planning Board or Codes Enforcement Officer that they believe to be in error. Under certain circumstances, the ZBA may also authorize variances to the Zoning Ordinance. The PB and CEO decisions are conscientiously and thoroughly considered but, though infrequently utilized, the ZBA has an essential role in affording due process for Town property owners. Previous experience with rules, by-laws or ordinances is helpful.

Let’s Get Organized About Education

By Bill Savedoff

Since Arrowsic joined Regional School Unit 1 (RSU1) in 2008, a number of residents have continued to work on education issues in a variety of formal and ad hoc committees. At the beginning of the summer, the Select Board asked me to work with community members on formalizing these activities and how the Town addresses educational issues.

Several residents met in July and August to discuss what has happened over the last 10 years, how RSU1 functions, and what the Arrowsic School Committee used to do. People who attended one or more meetings on this topic include Dena and Matt Bachman, Nancy Brown Stump, Lisa Holley, David Howe, Camille Kauffunger, Janet Kehl and Karen Robbins. Our next step is to identify the specific functions that the Town wants to have carried out and to look at options for formally addressing those needs, whether through a standing education committee, an advisory group, or some other arrangement. The education functions we have already considered range from monitoring the RSU’s performance to broader questions of education policy, reviewing curricula, and organizing activities for Arrowsic students.

Whether you are the parent of a school-age child or not, we all have a responsibility to assure that our Town and school district provide good educational opportunities. In many ways, there isn’t anything more important for our future.

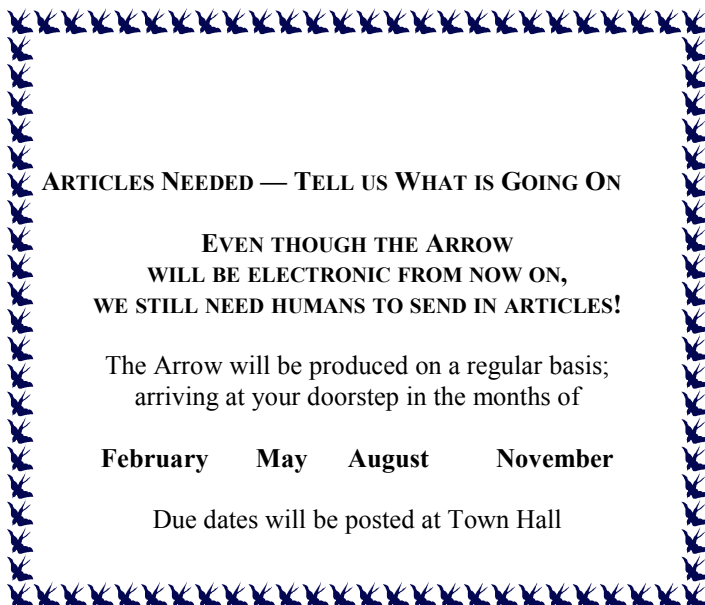
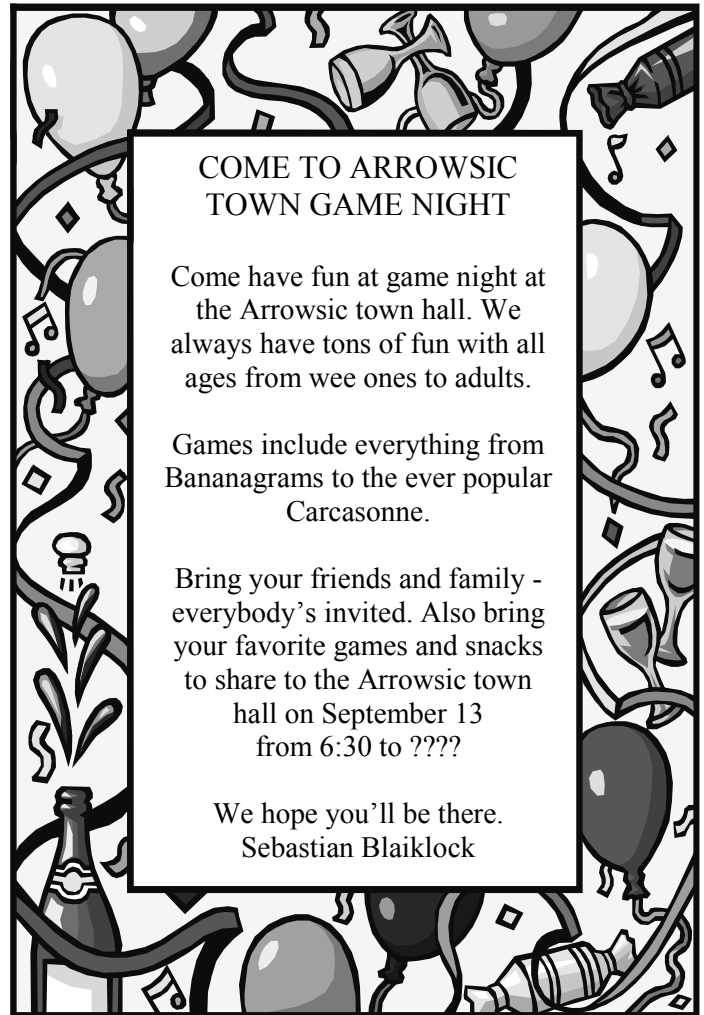
Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, September 5th at 4:30pm in the Town Hall. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact me by email or phone (savedoff@gmail.com / 442-8763). I have also left copies of minutes from the meetings at the Town Hall which you can consult during Office Hours. The most recent (draft) minutes are also posted on the Kiosk.

Requirements/Restrictions to Advertise in the Arrow

1. Advertisements must be no longer than 100 characters; no special text or highlighting will be used. Spaces, punctuation, and dashes count!
2. If you want a longer ad, you must write an article for the *Arrow*, could be about your business, but must include content of interest to the People of the Island.
3. One ad per person/company per issue.
4. Each ad must be submitted separately; no "Please run this ad in the *Arrow* until the end of time."
5. Yard sales, items of interest, and "lost and founds" welcome.
6. Cost is free to Arrowsic residents; cost is subject to change as we see how the advertising is going.
7. Send ads to me, Quinn Blaiklock, in the *Arrow* box at Town Hall, or by email, peacefulquinn@gmail.com.

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