

TOWN OF ARROWSIC

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Dear New Arrowsic Resident,

Welcome to Arrowsic! We are pleased to have you as a neighbor in our community.

Arrowsic is a small island town, with about 420 residents. We have no full-time employees and rely on volunteers to respond to emergencies, manage our natural resources, maintain town infrastructure, and serve on boards and committees. Volunteering is a way to get to know your neighbors, have fun, get satisfaction from pitching in and be part of democratic self-government.

We also have experienced officials willing to assist you with any issues that might come up in relation to town services, ordinances, and taxes.

As Select Board members, Sukey, Michele and Bill are always available to answer questions or address issues that are of concern to Arrowsic citizens. So please call or write if we can be of help.

Our Town Meeting takes place every year on a weekday evening in June. The Town Meeting is the time when residents enact legislation for the coming year, including approving the budget. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and to hear about what is happening in town. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Michele Gaillard

Sukey Heard

Bill Savedoff

Select Board Members

Resources for Town of Arrowsic Residents

- For information about our Town, check the website at www.arrowsic.org, or email/call any of the officials listed there.
- **If you are planning any improvements such as clearing vegetation, construction, road building or starting a home business**, please recognize that we have ordinances in place to protect the environment, public health and to make it easier to live with your neighbors. Contact our Codes Officer, Michael Kreindler before starting work. He is available to help you realize your goals in ways that comply with ordinances and meet our common interests.
- Register to vote at the Town Hall with Barbara Boyce, our Town Clerk.
- Register your car at the Town Hall with Jon Biehler, our Tax Collector.
- To receive occasional Town-related communications by email and the quarterly *Arrowsic Arrow*, please send your email address to Paul Kalkstein, Town Webmaster, at news@arrowsic.org. You can also communicate informally with fellow residents by joining a separate Arrowsic googlegroup that is also managed by Paul.
- Read the “Stewardship Guide”: To help members of our community use resources thoughtfully, co-habit with all resident species and engage in best management practices on their property, The Arrowsic Conservation Commission has put together a *Stewardship Guide to Caring for Our Land and Water*. It describes bedrock aquifers such as Arrowsic’s and gives some ideas on how to care for our shared resources. Please enjoy it. If you have any questions feel free to contact any member of the Conservation Commission. More information on the Conservation Commission’s activities can be read in the Town’s annual report or in the minutes posted on the Town’s website. The Town’s ordinances can also be found at this site.
- Register your dogs at Town Hall as soon as possible so that Sarah Mancini, our Animal Control Officer, can help with identification if needed.
- For Emergency Services make sure that your house can be reached by a large fire truck and ambulance by doing appropriate vegetation clearing, snow removal and driveway maintenance. Marking your driveway with reflective address numbers visible from the road in both directions will help responders find you in an emergency. For information about open burn permits check the Town’s website at: www.arrowsic.org/fd/open_burning.pdf. If you are interested in volunteering for the Arrowsic Fire Department, please contact Dale Carlton, our Fire Chief, at AFD@arrowsic.org.

- The Education Committee will help people navigate their diverse educational needs. Arrowsic is proud to be an active member of Regional School Unit 1 (RSU 1), also serving Bath, Woolwich, and Phippsburg. Town members receive access to free, public preschool for four-year-olds and can find information at rsu1choices.blogspot.com. Arrowsic residents participate in school choice within the RSU 1 district for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, with busing available to Woolwich and Bath school locations. Information about schools & school registration can be found at rsu1.org. There are also neighboring recreation departments that list extra curricula activities at bathrecreation.com and woolwich.us. Adult education information is available at bath.maineadulted.org and merrymeeting.maineadulted.org.

In addition to attending RSU 1 public schools, Arrowsic families homeschool and participate in other public and private school communities. To network with other families, receive assistance with education related needs, or to learn more about getting involved in Arrowsic education efforts, the Education Committee can be reached at arrowsiceducation@gmail.com. The Committee welcomes your inquiries.

- Information on trash, recycling, and composting:
 - The Town offers curbside trash and recycling pickup year-round, and we ask that you follow the schedule and guidelines posted on the Town website at <http://arrowsic.org/>.
 - The Arrowsic Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (ASWRC) is dedicated to helping residents understand the importance of recycling and composting our waste, while minimizing the amount of trash and hazardous materials that still end up in our landfills and incinerators—at a higher cost to the Town and the environment.
 - Detailed brochures on recycling and composting are available on the website and printed copies are available at the Town Hall.
 - Please affix one of the yellow recycling stickers, available in the Town Hall Recycling Shed or in the Town Hall, to all recycling containers.
 - Arrowsic has one of the highest recycling rates in the state, and a high rate of backyard composting, as well. Please join us in our commitment to maintaining a healthy, beautiful community for all of our residents to enjoy!
 - Please contact the ASWRC with any questions.
- If you have any concerns about health or environmental risks, you can contact our Local Health Officer (LHO), Christine Woodman, who is responsible for identifying and/or responding to such risks faced by individuals and the community. Christine is also a resource for the Town in relation to a range of social support services.
- Volunteer: Arrowsic is your Town. We have many committees and tasks which rely upon volunteers. Contact any committee or Town official to find out how you can play a role. Committee descriptions and contact information can be found online at www.arrowsic.org !