

EVENTS at a glance

Thurs, Feb 21, 6pm

A & E Committee Mtg

Mon, Feb 25, 6pm

Open Board Mtg

Mon, Feb 25, 6:30pm

Red Cross Disaster

Preparedness Training

Wed, Feb 27, 6pm

Sewing Workshop

Fri, Mar 8, 11am-1pm

Food Gatherers

Mon, Mar 11, 6pm

Open Board Mtg

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Staff Updates

- **Chris Richardson** has been promoted to maintenance supervisor. Chris has worked at Arrowwood for a combined 15 years (he left briefly to return to school and to pursue hours towards certification as an electrician). Chris was voted the most valuable member of our staff by his peers. We look forward to working with Chris in his new capacity!
- We are still short staffed by one person in the office and 2 people in maintenance. Thank you for your patience while we try to fill the positions.

New Day for Board Meetings

The Board of Directors holds an open board meeting once a month. Beginning in March, the open board meeting will take place on the second Monday of the month. The open board meeting in March will be--you guessed it!--the second Monday of March: **Monday, March 11, 6pm.**

Please join us to hear from the board, management, and to actively participate in YOUR co-op!

Find Us Online!

Past newsletters can be found on the website at

www.arrowwoodhills.org/newsletters.

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ACCOUNT CORNER



- Make sure you are paying the **new 2019 rates**. Some members may have small balances because of the change.
- Make sure your current address is on your check/money order.
- You can write one check for both carrying charges and loan payments.

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In Memory of Matthew "Sonny" Husband

Scio Township, MI Age 81, passed on December 13, 2018. The funeral service was held Saturday, December 22, 2018, at C&H Community Home for Funerals, Lucille's Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti. A talented musician, he was lovingly known as "Sonny," and was a member of the cooperative for many years.

Are You Ready in Case of a Disaster?

Red Cross Ready
Monday, February 25, 6:30pm (immediately following Open Board Meeting)

Disasters can happen anytime, anywhere, so it's important to be prepared. This course educates you on how to build a disaster preparedness kit, make a plan and stay informed during disasters. We include seasonal storm safety information so you are prepared to brave the wonders of Michigan Weather. This presentation will be tailored to our members. **Free and open to all!**

2018 Federal Income Tax Deduction

From our CPA:

For members who itemize deductions on their Federal taxes, this table shows the amount deductible as interest and taxes on Schedule A of form 1040.

	2018 Carrying Charge Rate	1 Bedroom Unit	2 Bedroom Unit	3 Bedroom Unit	4 Bedroom Unit
	2018 Carrying charges per unit	\$415.00	\$500.00	\$545.00	\$600.00
	Total Paid in 2018 (12 months)	\$4,980.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,540.00	\$7,200.00
4.73%	2018 Mortgage interest paid	\$235.55	\$283.80	\$309.34	\$340.56
12.26%	2018 Real Estate Taxes Paid	\$610.55	\$735.60	\$801.80	\$882.72

Sewing Classes

Learn the how-to's of sewing while making a skirt with Arrowwood member and professional seamstress Janet Denson.

When: Last Wednesday of each month, 6-8pm

Where: Arrowwood Community Center

Cost: \$30/class

Email Janet at jdension5612@gmail.com to get a list of requirements and to register.



Maintenance/Buildings

Frozen Pipes: Please turn your heat up and use a heater in your bathroom in 2 bedroom units when the temp. is below zero. The polar vortex and global warming have intensified our weather. If you have no water in your toilet or sink they may be frozen call us.

Snow Removal Please help yourself and neighbor by helping us keep the walk ways clear. Remember: members are responsible for keep your walkways (from sidewalk to your door) clear. We have hundreds of feet of sidewalks and roads to clear. Do not follow the trucks/ tractors closely. They can't see you! BE safe and help us keep others safe. **We are a cooperative and we thrive on volunteers.**

Member Handbook is Online:

Visit our website at www.arrowwoodhills.org/memberdocs to learn more about caring for your unit and living at Arrowwood.



Check out Local YouTubers in the Neighborhood

Arrowwood member **Herb Reed** has created a cooking tutorial Youtube channel, where he shoots, lights, edits and produces the music. (Golden Grits & Sauteed Veggies...yum.)

Like, subscribe, comment and share at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdmIC5Iy5D5_dCO20CHxDQ



Cleaning Services

Arrowwood member **Musiratu Abdul** offers cleaning services. Contact her at 734-485-8994

Have Something to Share?

We love to include member news and services in the newsletter! Submit your material to umlatifa@gmail.com



Understanding the Board of Directors

A cooperative is a user-owned and user controlled business. But it is not possible for member-owners to directly make all cooperative decisions. That control is preserved by members electing directors to represent them in much of the operation of the cooperative.

The board of directors occupy a key position between members and hired management. They are elected volunteers who live in the co-op and want to help make sure their investment is protected. **Simply stated, the main purpose of a cooperative board of directors** is to set grand strategic goals and develop an overarching vision for the organization. The board comes together to set organizational objectives for upper-level managers, who translate grand strategic goals into more measurable and specific objectives. The board of directors bears the responsibility for moving the organization in a productive direction, as defined by the cooperative's strategic goals.

Interested in getting involved?

- Run for a position on the board (vote takes place at the annual meeting in May)
- Attend the open board meetings on the second Monday of the month
- Join or create a member committee such as Landscaping, Architecture & Energy, or Communications

Meet the Board of Directors

Wanda Dawson (president) has lived in Arrowwood for 34 years and raised her three children here. She is a retired auditor for Head Start.

Jay Steichman (vice president) has lived in Arrowwood for 32 years with his wife Lisa and raised his two sons here. He works in patient services at U-M hospital.

Dan Calderone (secretary) has lived in Arrowwood for 17 years with his wife Pat. He is the transportation coordinator for Food Gatherers.

Stephanie Harrell (treasurer) has lived in Arrowwood for 22 years and is raising her children here. She is a marketing communications specialist at U-M.

Gerald Cargile (member at large) has lived in Arrowwood for 35 years and raised his five daughters here. He is a retired construction worker from Michigan Laborers.