



Fort Richmond Park Photo by Charlie Ipcar

# Mainely Richmond

JULY 2007 ISSUE

## A MESSAGE FROM THOMAS FORTIER TOWN MANAGER

### TOWN OF RICHMOND

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Last Thursday of the Month  
8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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It's happening! Richmond is moving in a positive direction. It is not hard to see, take a look around! Main Street is busy with storefront façade improvements and crosswalk installations. New gateway signs will be coming soon. Fort Richmond will be jazzed up a bit and the functionality of the park will improve. Invest in your hometown and you will be glad that you did!

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Mainely Richmond*. We tried to incorporate everything that we heard at the June town meeting. In this issue you will find the Economic and Community Development budget, detailed code enforcement information, a calendar of scheduled events, and we have featured a Richmond Business that has received international recognition.

*Once again the American Legion has made our Main Street Richmond beautiful this past Memorial Day with beautiful flags waving up and down the street. We appreciate the time and effort put in by all involved.*

In the spirit of improved and productive communication, we will be developing a "list serve" program. If you would like to receive announcements, Selectmen meeting agendas, meeting minutes, Board updates, etc., contact Laurisa at the Town office and we will add your e-mail address to our program and you will have instant access and communication with your town government!

As always, thank you for the honor of serving you!

### TOWN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**La Societe des Quarante  
Hommes et Huit Chevaux  
Grand Du Maine  
Fourty & 8 & Veterans of  
the State of Maine**

Presented to the Town of Richmond, Maine for all their support of the Fourty & 8 & Veterans of the State of Maine. Presented this day June 14, 2007 at Bangor, Maine



## TOWN OF RICHMOND CODE ENFORCEMENT BY: DOUG MARBLE

Summertime is here! With all this good weather many of you have been busy with home improvement projects. I thought that this month's newsletter article would be a good time to go over the Town of Richmond's permit process.

As you may be aware the Town of Richmond revised the Land Use Ordinance last November 2006. With this revision came some new requirements.

### THE BASICS:

The Town of Richmond has six (6) Land Use Zones which are illustrated on the official zoning map located at the Town Office. A zone can be thought of as a name for an area of land in a particular section of Town. Do not assume that the name of the zone automatically means what you can do on your land, such as the commercial zone, "commercial" is only a name for the zone. To find out if a particular use is allowed on your land you would need to look in the ordinance under Table of Land Uses which is setup like a graph. The zones are listed across the top of the table, and the different land uses are listed down the left side of the page. You match your zone to the use to find out if it is allowed and who you apply to for a permit.

### CHANGES IN THE ORDINANCE:

The village zone now has a requirement that before any new building gets built in the village zone its exterior façade must be approved by the Planning Board. The only new structures this does not apply to are new decks (without walls or roofs). The CEO can not issue a building permit for a new structure unless you have been approved by the Planning Board first. Also in the village the lot size has changed. The minimum new lot size

in the village is 10,000 sq. ft. not to be confused with the lot size required per dwelling unit, which is now 5,500 sq. ft. each. For an example if your lot is 11,000 sq. ft. you could get a permit for two dwelling units. Any lot less than 10,000 sq. ft. you are limited to one dwelling unit.

### MAIN STREET-SUB DISTRICT:

- New residential buildings must be located on 10,000 sq. ft. of land.
- Existing buildings: 3 or more dwelling units = 2,000 sq. ft. each.
- New Commercial buildings, New Multi-Family building: 3,000 sq. ft. per unit.

*Lot size's for existing commercial or residential buildings are not applicable.*

In all zones except Resource Protection / Shore-land you may now move up to 99 yards of earth without a permit, provided you have erosion control measures installed.

Sale of Produce raised on your own premises is allowed in all zones without a permit.

Older mobile homes are not allowed in any zone. "Older" means those homes which are more than 15 years old at time of proposed location to a new site.

Highway commercial front setback is now 75 feet, minimum lot size for residential 20,000 sq. ft. Minimum lot size for commercial is 2 acres.

Commercial expansions in any five year period of any commercial building can be permitted through the CEO if the expansion is less than 25% of the

gross floor area or 1,000 sq. ft. whichever is less.

The Shore-land zone has changed to allow the CEO to permit single family homes, additions, expansions, new home occupations and seasonal into year round conversions.

The shore-land rules will be changing by this time next year, because the Maine DEP has mandated that all towns adopt the new shore-land rules by then.

In the Agriculture zone, an increase to lot coverage passed, up 10% from 2005, now making total lot coverage 30% max. The setbacks in this zone also decreased to the "old" standards: 40 foot front setback, 10 foot side and rear setback.

Building permits are needed before you construct, enlarge, alter or demolish a structure; or change the occupancy of a building or structure requiring greater strength, exit or sanitary provisions; or to change to another use; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by the building code, except repairs, as defined by the building code are exempted from this provision.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT HOURS

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Doug Marble

737-4305 EXT. 205

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**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BY: DARRYL STERLING**

Village improvements are happening all around us; from the major building renovations in the downtown to the new building construction at Exit 43 and I 295. Look for more activities and projects being accomplished throughout this summer and fall; new color crosswalks, parking improvements, waterfront park upgrades, signage, and façade & streetscape improvements.

The Town website is being transformed and services to citizens and businesses will be enhanced through new software and GIS mapping. More projects are percolating to create new jobs and business opportunities and investment. Richmond will experience positive changes that it hasn't seen in decades or ever! Thanks to all who have helped and invested in our community.

Economic & Community Development is interfacing with boards and committees and citizens and providing staff support to ensure a well-balanced community. One such effort is the new *Fort Richmond Park & Riverfront Committee* as proposed by Selectmen Batty and Carver. This committee is addressing current waterfront needs as well as future needs and long term goals.

As the month of June ends, several downtown projects are underway. The new crosswalks installation and the boat ramp improvements have begun and will be completed (probably by the time you are reading this). Parking lot and street parking striping will begin next month.

Scott McIntire purchased the former Northeast Bank property on Main Street and is retrofitting the building for the new

home of the *Old Goat Pub*. Several Main Street building owners are constructing their new facades and the gateway signage and kiosk at Fort Richmond Park will be completed in July.

These and other projects are funded in part through the Town Economic Development Department.

\*See budget below:



**Darryl Sterling  
Director, Economic Development**

Account	New #	Title	Explanation	06 - 07 Budget	07 - 08 Selectmen Request	07 - 08 Budget Comm. Rec.
01-4705	1047-006	FICA	7.65 percent	3,785	4,180	4,180
01-4706	1047-007	Cafeteria Benefits	income protection, dental, etc	5,700	5,700	5,700
01-4707	1047-008	Retirement	matching up to 4 1/2 %, plus annual \$500 contribution	1,905	2,462	2,462
01-4710	1047-010	Payroll	Admin. Asst. 15 hrs.per week @ \$11.00 = \$8,580; Director 3% = \$43,596.80	49,192	52,177	52,177
01-4721	1047-021	Telephone, Cell Phone		1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4730	1047-061	Advertising & Marketing	Business attraction; new town map & brochure, multi-media, legal notices	11,000	14,000	14,000
01-4731	1047-031	Postage		300	200	200
01-4732	1047-032	Office Supplies		600	250	250
	1047-040	Office Equipment Repair & Mai				
01-4750	1047-604	Revolving Loan	Decreased from last year due to healthy revolving loan fund balances	10,000	0	0
01-4764	1047-600	Newsletter	Expand newsletter support	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4765	1047-601	Arts & Culture Project	Support events; promotions	2,000	1,000	1,000
01-4766	1047-602	Agriculture R & D	Initiate efforts for grants to support research	2,000	0	0
01-4770	1047-603	Projects	Downtown parking; sidewalk, crosswalk & waterfront improvements; streetscape; signage	80,718	43,781	43,781
01-4771	1047-071	Training	Expand training for economic development activities	250	500	500
01-4772	1047-072	Memberships & Subscriptions	EDCM; MCDA; Chamber; MEREDA; IEDC	350	750	750
01-4775	1047-075	Miscellaneous	Odds and ends	300	0	0
01-4777	1047-077	Mileage	Meetings; workshops; seminars	800	0	0
01-4780	1047-605	Downtown Plan	Phase IV: parking & street plan; building inventory; designs	12,000	10,500	10,500
01-4781	1047-606	MCBDP	Annual dues	5,000	5,000	5,000
01-4782	1047-119	Richmond Days	Support Richmond Days activities	500	1,000	1,000
01-4783	1047-608	Website	Website update; design costs & annual site cost	600	6,000	6,000
01-4795	1047-610	Downtown Facades	New item: Main St. Façade to improve 4 - 5 downtown buildings		35,000	35,000
			Subtotal	190,000	185,500	185,500
01-4799	1047-609	Downtown TIF Improvements	Downtown infrastructure improvements - parking, sidewalks, streetscape, credit enhancement agreements	7,090	11,000	11,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>197,090</b>	<b>196,500</b>	<b>196,500</b>

## RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER NEWS

The presentation scheduled for June 20th on the sign, symptoms, and prevention of stroke will be rescheduled for a date in September at the Town Sponsored Senior Citizens Center on Front Street.

The blood pressure clinic was held, with each person receiving a reading along with education regarding results, diet, exercise, and health care suggestions. Thank you to all attendees.

The health center will once again sponsor a booth during Richmond Days down on the waterfront on Saturday, July 21st providing free bottled water, free sun screen and fashionable hemp bead bracelets that enable the wearer to gage safe sun exposure along with education literature on a variety of pertinent topics including Lyme's Disease, diet and exercise.

A medical provider, nurses, board members, and support staff will be available to answer questions and meet with the public.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at \$5.00 each for the chance to win one of 21 Longaberger baskets and pottery donations by area residents and businesses to support our "elevator to the second floor fund" to allow for expansion of services. Come meet and say hello to your local health care facility staff. We want to care for you!

Another successful year has passed with the "Move More walking program at the Marcia Buker School. Many thanks to Mrs. Soule and the staff for their kindness and support of our walkers. Walking has adjourned until school resumes in the fall. Dates and more information to follow in the next newsletter.

### RICHMOND RESIDENTS "LIST-SERVE"

If you would like to be better informed in ongoing town information please send an email at the below listed contact information to be included in a "List-Serve."

This will allow you to be sent emails in regards to agendas for upcoming Selectmen, Planning Board, Appeals Board, and Economic Development meetings, also public hearings and pertinent information in regards to town meetings or elections.

The town office staff would like to better inform you, the residents of the town!

So if you are interested in this service please do not hesitate to contact us. If you do not have access to email, all agendas and public hearing notices are posted at the town office, you may also find notices in the Kennebec Journal and Times Record.

#### SEND EMAIL ADDRESSES TO:

[laurisaloon@richmondmaine.com](mailto:laurisaloon@richmondmaine.com)  
or call 737-4305 ext. 208

### SUN SAFETY TIPS



- Apply sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays when you are outdoors.
- Adults should use SPF 15 or higher
- Children should use SPF 30 or higher
- Apply sunscreen every two (2) hours, after swimming, perspiring or drying off.
- Wear UV protective sunglasses and eyewear
- Wear a hat with a wide brim
- Seek shade during peak sun hours
- Cover arms and legs with lightweight long clothing to prevent exposure

### NEED A TREE?

Thursday, July 12, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., all Richmond Residents interested in obtaining a tree may go to 503 River Road, Richmond. You must have proof of Richmond residency. An assortment of hardwood and softwood trees approximately 4-6' in height will be available for the taking. For more information contact the town at office 737-4305 ext. 208.

### COMING SOON ... WWW.RICHMONDMAINE.GOV

Working with Allure Creative, the town is putting together a more useful website! Easier to find documents, postings of upcoming events, minutes and agendas of your Selectman and Planning Board meetings. Zoning and building information, online applications and forms. A Business Section for our local businesses with contact information and links to websites. Along with all our pertinent information such as contact numbers, email addresses, important dates, office hours, town clerk page, rapid renewal, licensing information, Community Calendar, etc...

# SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> MYSTERY RIDE

Bus leaves the town office at 8:30 a.m. if you are ready for adventure, come and join us for a trip to a beautiful area of our State. You will learn a little history on this trip. Activities cost \$5.00 plus the cost for your lunch. Please wear comfortable shoes because there will be a bit of walking. Estimated time of return is 4:30 p.m.

**Reservations must be made by June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> PORTLAND SEA DOGS GAME

Meet at the town office at 11:30 a.m., take me out to the ball game! Come join us for a trip to Portland to see a Sea Dogs Game vs. New Britain Rock Cats! Tickets are \$6.00. Reservations must be made by May 25<sup>th</sup>, in order to get good seats.

JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> RICHMOND DAYS-IN FRONT OF THE FLOWER SPOT

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

The Richmond Golden Oldies will hold a food sale-2008 Calendars of Old Richmond Pictures, along with birdhouses, framed pictures, raffle tickets and Longaberger jars filled with assorted items, will be for sale. We have several items for our Richmond Days raffle to be held on July 21st. We will have a beautiful quilt to raffle made by Mertie Wisda. The quilt raffle will be held in October. All money earned will go into our building fund. Please stop by and say "Hello."



## Senior Survey

Please let us know what you think! What are some activities or events you would like to see happen with the Senior Program, please fill out this survey with any comments and drop it off at the town office, Contact: Betty Pratt, Senior Program Administrator.

Do you currently belong to the Senior Program?

- Yes
- No
- Would like to

Do you feel your well notified of upcoming events?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

Do you enjoy game day and scheduled activities?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

Do you feel that activities events are well organized?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

**If you would like to be contacted about the program fill out below!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS : \_\_\_\_\_

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## SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS CRUISE WITH EAGLE ISLAND TOURS IN PORTLAND

Leave the town office at 9:15 a.m., Cost of Cruise: \$11.00 (Group Rate)

Enjoy this narrated 90-minute scenic cruise through the busy harbor and innermost islands to see light houses, forts, lobster boats, seals, and seabirds. As many as seven lighthouses can be seen during the cruise. You will see a close up view of Maine's oldest and most photographed lighthouse, Portland Head Light! So come aboard, take in the salt air, and spectacular sights, while enjoying the cruise. After the cruise we will enjoy a meal at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant. The lunch menu includes sandwiches, soups, chowders, salads, and lunch entrees ranging in price from \$8.00 to \$12.00.

**Reservations must be made by July 15<sup>th</sup>**

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

SWAN ISLAND TOUR AND PICNIC

Leave at 10:00 a.m. Return at 1:00 p.m.-Cost \$3.00

Enjoy Main'es wildlife in a truly unique environment. We will go to Swan Island for a 45-minute tour of the Island and its historical houses. Bring a bagged lunch; we will have a picnic while on the Island. We will meet at their special parking area by the river and they will transport us. An open pick-up truck, with wooden seats will take us on the tour and also to the picnic area.

**Reservations must be made by August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

HOLLYWOOD SLOTS AND SHOPPING AT THE BANGOR MALL

Leave at 8:30 a.m. Return at 5:30 p.m.-Cost \$20. Transportation-State Coach

Join us for a trip to Hollywood Slots or Bangor Mall, or you may choose to do both. For those who wish to go to the Casino and then to the Mall this can be done. It is your choice. To make this trip possible we need 30 people to sign up. **Reservations must be made by August 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Game Days is every Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Monthly Planning Meeting are announced in the Kennebec Journal.**

**NOTE:** Payment is due at time of reservation for all trips.

*Town Sponsored Senior citizen Program*  
**For further information and details please contact:**  
**Betty Pratt @ 737-2161**

### TOWN SPONSORED SENIOR CENTER

The new Senior Center is located at 314 Front Street formerly known as the "Hartford Agency." Gary Nash has kindly offered the use of the building, and we greatly appreciate the much needed space and place to gather for weekly game days and monthly meetings.

Our new phone number is 737-2161, so please give Betty Pratt the Program Coordinator a call for further information or questions regarding the program.



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**NEED A LOAN**

The Town of Richmond has community revolving loan funds that are available to provide low interest loans to eligible property owners and businesses throughout Richmond. Applications are available at the Town Office for anyone interested in borrowing money.



**CDBG LOANS:**

- Make energy conservation improvements
- Install septic or water systems
- Replacement heating systems
- Repair roofs
- Other home repair's

*Maximum aggregate amount to borrow is \$20,000. with repayments up to ten (10) years at 4% interest*

**TIF LOANS:**

- Building improvements or repairs
- Business equipment
- Business marketing cash flow

*Maximum aggregate amount to borrow is \$25,000. with repayments up to five (5) years at 4% interest*

**APPEALS BOARD 3 YEAR TERMS**

4 FULL TIME OPENINGS

**CABLE TV COMMITTEE 2 YEAR TERMS**

2 FULL TIME OPENINGS

**COMMUNITY DEV. REVOLVING LOAN 2 YEAR TERMS**

3 FULL TIME OPENINGS

2 ALTERNATE POSITIONS

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV. 3 YEAR TERMS**

1 FULL TIME TERM

2 ALTERNATE POSITIONS

If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit a letter of interest to Judy Savage , Town Clerk, at P.O. Box 159, 26 Gardiner Street, Richmond, ME 04357

**SELLING YOUR HOME . . .**

The person who owns the property on April 1<sup>st</sup> will receive the tax bill that is sent out in September (which should be forwarded to the new owner). Taxes cover the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you sell your property after April 1<sup>st</sup> you will want make sure that taxes for the entire year (both buyers & sellers share) are collected at the time of closing and forwarded to the Town Office. If just your share is paid and the new owner does not pay their share by the following July then a lien is placed on the property in your name because you were the assessed owner as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year. Tax Liens are recorded at the Registry of Deeds and can affect your credit.

The November 10<sup>th</sup> payment covers from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The May 10<sup>th</sup> payment covers from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE RICHMOND UTILITIES**

The District wants to thank all our customers for their patience during the house to house inspections that we have been conducting this year.

With your help, we will continue to reduce the amount of groundwater entering the sewer system. Removing the groundwater from the sewer system not only helps the environment but helps reduce the cost of pumping and treating clean water.

The next phase of our infiltration study will be the smoke testing and filming of the sewer collection system. This work will begin in late June and continue into July.

We're also conducting a meter change-out program. Upon installation of new meters, customers must have backflow prevention valves installed if not currently in place. If a new backflow valve is necessary, the customer may hire a private plumber to do the installation or the District can install one at the same time the meter is installed and bill the customer for the work.

Thank you for your cooperation during this testing!

# July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 FD 6:30p	3 CDBG 6:00p	4 Office Closed	5	6	7 Holding Area 9-3
8 Holding Area 9-3	9 FD 6:30p ED 7:00p	10 Plan Bd. 6:00p	11 RUD 6:00p	12 Select men Mtg. 7:00p	13	14
15	16 FD 6:30p	17 Com. PI 4:00p	18 School Bd. 7:00p	19 Selectmen Mtg. 7:00p	20	21 Holding Area 9-3
22 Holding Area 9-3	23 FD 6:30p	24 Plan Bd. 6:00p	25 Schl Consl. Mtg. 7:00p.m.	26	27 Office Open until 6:00 p.m.	28
29	30 FD 6:30p	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b><u>School Consolidation Information</u></b>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/education">www.maine.gov/education</a>                      Google: Maine Department of Education</p> </div>			

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1st Saturday Universal Waste Building 3:30p to 6:30p
- July 2nd- Fire Dept. 6:30p.m. Budget Comm. 6:30 p.m.
- July 3rd-CDBG Loan 6:00p.m.
- July 4th- Fourth of July
- July 10th-Planning Board 6:00p
- July 12th- Selectmen 7:00 p.m.
- July 19th-Selectmen 7:00p
- July 20-21st-Richmond Days
- July 24th-Planning Board 6:00p
- July 25th-School Consolidation Mtg. 7:00p

## SHUCKS MAINE LOBSTER



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### MAINE BUSINESS GET HIGH MARKS AT EUROPEAN SEAFOOD SUMMIT

AUGUSTA (NEWS CENTER)-Governor Baldacci honored two Maine business owners Tuesday for representing Maine well at the European Seafood Exposition in Belgium.

Only four of the products nominated for the Prix d'Elite award were from the U.S., and three of those were from Maine.

"Shucks Maine Lobster" in Richmond has developed a unique way to shell lobsters to market fresh lobster meat. Along with the elite nomination, Shucks won top awards for best service product, and best convenience product, beating out more than 100 entries from 11 countries.



(Darryl Sterling, Jim Pearson, & Thomas Fortier, Town Manager along with Governor Baldacci & John Hathaway)

fish or raw meat. They don't want frozen lobster, they love the fact that it's fresh and can develop signature dishes that their customers want. It'll develop new markets for Maine lobster," said John Hathaway from Shucks Maine Lobster.

The European exposition is the largest seafood show in the world. NEWS CENTER



"Our product is the only raw, fresh lobster in the world, and it allows chefs to be creative with it so they can develop signature dishes and do it without the shell, just like they do with any other product like raw



# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School Board 7:00p	2	3	4 Holding Area 9-3
5 Holding Area 9-3	6 F.D. 6:30 BC 6:30	7 CDBG 6:00p	8RUD 6:00p	9	10	11
12	13 F.D. 6:30 ED 7:00p	14 Plan Bd. 6:00 p	15 School Bd. 7:00p	16 Selectmen 7:00p	17	18 Holding Area 9-3
19 Holding Area 9-3	20 FD 6:30p	21 Com. Pol 4:00p	22	23	24	25
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- August 8th- RUD Mtg. 6:00p
- August 14th- Planning Bd 6:00p
- August 16th- Selectmen 7:00p
- August 28th- Planning Bd 6:00p
- August 30th- Selectmen Mtg. 7:00p

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### D & D COLLECTIBLES

D & D COLLECTIBLES is a small business owned by Dick Crossman who lives at 16 Hideaway Lane, which is just off the Alexander Reed Road in Richmond. I buy and sell collectibles and antiques and would be more than willing to look at your few or many items you might want to sell and tell you what I can pay for them. I have a special interest in old post-cards, albums, military items, postcards, albums, jewelry, books, magazines, vintage hats, clothes, fishing items and tools. Give me a call @ 737-4201 or email at [Red6B17@gwi.net](mailto:Red6B17@gwi.net) and I will get back to

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Please call to place an add in our September Issue: 737-4305 ext 208. Thanks

**FRIDAY-JULY 20TH**

- 12:00-4:00 p.m. Antique Appraisal Fair at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 15 Spruce Street
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Open Mic
- 4:00 p.m. Face painting in Good New Club Tent
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Magic Show in Gazebo
- 5:30 p.m. Register for Children's Parade-Near Gazebo
- 6:00 p.m. Horse shoe toss-Nest to Front St. Market
- 6:00 p.m. Car smash to benefit Richmond High School Drama Club-Front St. Market parking lot
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Parade-Front St.
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Jim Chard
- 6:00 p.m. Softball Tournament at Lane Field and High School
- 7:00 p.m. Sally Hoyt Award
- 8:00 p.m. Live Music at Old Goat
- 8:00-10:00 p.m. Mixed Company Band

**SATURDAY-JULY 21ST**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Softball Tournament at Lane Field and High School
- 9:00 a.m. Prepare for parade at shoe factory at Richmond Business Manufacturing Center
- 9:00-4:00 Blood Pressure Tent
- 9:45 a.m. Lawn Mower Race-Departs William St.

**SATURDAY-JULY 21ST, CONT.**

- 10:00 a.m. Parade Starts-Down Main St., Left up Front St., Left up Kimball St., Left down Alexander Reed Rd., Right up Main St. back to RMBC.
- 10:30-3:30 Youth Art Activities in Art Tent
- 11:00 a.m. Lawn Sale at DRUM Church
- 11:00-2:00 Chicken BBQ at DRUM Church
- 11:00-1:00 Basketball Shoot Out
- 11:00 a.m. Car Smash
- Noon Belt Sander Race in Main St. Fuel parking lot
- 12:00-2:00 Chili and Chowder Cook off
- 12:00-4:00 Archery behind Ames Mill
- 12:00-4:00 Historical Society open house at 164 Pleasant Street
- 12:30 p.m. Register for pig scramble near Water District Building
- 1:00 p.m. Pig Scramble
- 1:00 p.m. Story Time in Good News Club Tent
- 1:00-4:00 DJ Ryan Cote
- 2:00 & 4:00 Hula Hoop and Bubble Gum blowing contest in Good News Club Tent
- 2:00 p.m. Swan Race down the Kennebec River
- 2:00 p.m. Lobster Crate Race
- 3:00 p.m. Story Time in Good News Club Tent
- 3:00 p.m. Duct Tape Fashion Show
- 4:00-5:00 Open Mic
- 5:00 p.m. Story Time in Good News Club Tent
- 6:00-7:00 Carter Ruff
- 8:00-10:00 Conrad Fyfe & The Freedom Riders
- 8:00 p.m. Live Music at The Old Goat
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks
- Sunday Afternoon:** Duck Race down the Kennebec -Time depends on the tides

**L O C A L   H O S T   F A M I L I E S   N E E D E D   F O R  
E X C H A N G E   S T U D E N T S**

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is currently seeking local host families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 2007-2008 school year or semester.

The students are between 15 and 18 years old, are well screened, and speak English. Each student is very anxious to learn about our country by living as part of an American family and attending the local high school. Students come from Germany, Italy, France, Brazil, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Spain, Portugal, Japan, the Czech and Slovak Republics, and the former Soviet Union.

The students are carefully screened in their home countries. Interested families or single adults have the opportunity to select the student of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos, and biographical essays.

The students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins. Each ASSE exchange student is fully insured, brings his or her personal spending money, and shares in the household responsibilities.

If you are interested in sharing this wonderful opportunity as a host family, please call ASSE coordinator Joyce McKenney at (207) 737-4666 or 1-800-677-2773 or email [jmckenney@gwi.net](mailto:jmckenney@gwi.net)

You can also visit ASSE's website at [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com)

A revaluation of properties in town was approved at a town meeting in June 2006. The main purpose of a revaluation is to provide a fair and equitable revaluation of all properties. Revaluation will start this summer. The rule of thumb regarding revaluations is that 1/3 of the properties will see a tax increase, 1/3 of the properties will remain the same, and 1/3 of the properties will see a decrease in taxes.

Revaluation Specialist Parker Appraisal Company will perform Richmond's Revaluation Project.

**What is a revaluation?**

A revaluation is the process of performing all of the necessary Market Analysis and Valuation steps to determine accurate and equitable values for all properties within a municipality. The equalization of the values within a City or Town creates a fair distribution of the tax burden. The purpose of a Revaluation is not to raise taxes. The purpose is to create an equitable distribution of the tax load.

**What happens during a revaluation?**

A physical inspection of both the interior and exterior of each property is conducted. While data collection is being conducted, appraisers are studying the recent market sales in order to gain a full understanding of the real estate market in your City or Town. This study of recent property sales allows the appraiser to establish parameters to estimate the value of property that has not been sold using comparisons with recent sales. The appraisers then gather and review these parameters and apply them to all non-sale properties in order to approximate the market value of each property that they are charged with appraising.

**Will a revaluation increase taxes?**

A revaluation may result in an increase or decrease of individual assessments depending on how a property value increased or decreased relative to the average change in assessment. It does not mean that all property taxes will increase or decrease. Remember assessments are only the base that is used to determine the tax burden. The tax burden is the amount that the municipality must raise to operate the local government and support the many services each of us has come to expect, such as schools, police, etc. As an example, if the same amount of money is to be raised after the revaluation as the previous year and each assessment doubles, the tax rate would merely be cut in half.

**What is market value and who determines my property value?**

Market value is determined by people, by the activity in the real estate market and the general economy. The value of your property is based on an analysis of the entire market for a specified period of time before the completion of the revaluation project. The market can generally be defined as, you, the person who sold the property to you, and the person willing to buy it from you. It is the appraiser's job to research and analyze the values in any particular area or neighborhood. In effect, they do what you would do to determine the selling price when putting your property up for sale. However, the appraiser has specific guidelines to follow during their research. Some factors that are examined for each property are: location, size, quality of construction, age of improvements, topography, utilities, zoning restrictions, if any, etc.

**What sales did you compare to my home to arrive at my value?**

To answer this question it is important to understand that in a revaluation, the value of your property is based on an analysis of the entire real estate market for a specified period of time before the completion of the revaluation project (usually a one or two year period). This study of recent property sales allows the appraiser to establish valuation parameters (construction rates, land rates, market adjustments, etc.) Ideally, when these valuation parameters are applied to the properties that sold, the calculation will result in an appraised value that is very close to the sales price.

The revaluation appraisers are required by the State to test that the parameters being used are consistently producing values that closely approximate the sale prices across all types of properties throughout the town. When this is accomplished, the appraisers can then apply these same valuation parameters to all of the "non-sale" properties in the town. In doing so, they are approximating the market value of each property using the information derived from all of the sales. Therefore, no particular sale or group of sales was used to determine the value of your property. This is because ALL of the recent sales were included in the analysis that set the parameters used in the revaluation of your town.

**In the September Issue we will discuss your rights and what to do if you disagree with your new assessment.**

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