



MAINELY RICHMOND

May 2007

Town of Richmond
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Richmond, Maine 04357
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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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A message from the Town Manager

By: Thomas Fortier

Greetings Residents of Richmond,

First and foremost I need to thank you for the warm reception and honor of becoming the Town Manager of Richmond. My transition to your community has been relatively easy, thanks to your respect, kindness, and warmth.

Our staff is committed to effective and productive communication. This is your Town. Get Involved! Telephone the town office, telephone me, I guarantee that your calls will be returned and your questions and/or concerns will be addressed appropriately. Of course, we want to hear positive feedback too! So let us know when you see positive changes in the community. Let us know what you appreciate, what you cherish, and what needs to be improved or be eliminated.

I am excited to share with you what our staff has in store for the upcoming months. Residents and visitors can expect to see improved sidewalks, storefront façade improvements, improved lighting, and crosswalks on Main Street. We are working aggressively with property owners toward building site improvements, all part of the comprehensive plan that this community has created and endorsed in the past several years. A new and improved boat ramp will be installed at Fort Richmond.

Prominent gateway signs will be erected. We will be sending the message to visitors that they are in Richmond, and we are a darn proud community!

We will be addressing land use violations and building code violations. We will not allow violations to “slip.” We will be following up appropriately. We want residents to have safe and affordable housing. It does not benefit anyone to have sub standard housing. Please be a good neighbor and respect your community. Do your part to make Richmond the best it can be.

Invest in Richmond! You will be glad that you did!

I look forward to working collaboratively with you at the June town meeting. The selectmen and I will be presenting you with a very conservative budget, which will be significantly less than last years budget. The Annual report (scheduled for May) will be dedicated to sharing budget information with you, so you can make informed decisions at the Town meeting in June.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving you!



If you receive an Ambulance Bill from the Town Office it's Because....

The Town of Richmond enters into a yearly contract with Gardiner Ambulance in order for them to come into the Town of Richmond. If we don't have a contract, then Gardiner will not come into Richmond for Ambulance service. The contract also states that any bills Gardiner can't collect Richmond will pay for.

So, if you receive an ambulance bill from the Town of Richmond it's because you didn't pay Gardiner Ambulance and we need to get reimbursed. Gardiner Ambulance has a billing company that sends out monthly bills to the customer and if they don't receive payment within six months, then they send it to us.

If you have insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, please make sure Gardiner ambulance has all the information they need to bill them. If you gave them the information and you still receive a bill, please call the 800# and see what it is they need, it may be just something small and will save the Town from having to pay and avoid billing you.

The Town will send out two (2) bills to you, and if you have not contacted us by then, it will be forwarded to a collection agency. If you give us insurance information, it will be forwarded it to the billing company and they will bill your insurance. The sooner the insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, is billed, the sooner payment is made, and the better for everyone. If you delay getting us the information,

then your insurance may have questions or if it's too old, may refuse to pay.

Property Owners

Homestead Exemptions

- You only need to apply once
- Gives you \$13,000. off the valuation of your property
- Approximate savings in taxes is \$120.
- Deadline for applying is April 1st
- You have to be a legal residence of Maine to apply.
- You have to have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months
- Must be your permanent place of residence and the only property for which you are claiming.
- Summer camps, vacation homes and second residences do not qualify.
- Other questions call 737-4305 ext. 201

If you purchase a house after April 1st, you will not get a tax bill for that year (July 1st – June 30th). The bill is sent to the assessed owner as of April 1st.

Sometimes taxes are prorated and are taken out at the time of closing and forwarded to the Town Office. You are welcome to call the Town Office and see if the taxes have been paid. Both the seller and the buyer should be aware of this and until the following April when the bill would then be in the new owners name. If you buy a house on April 30th you owe taxes from May 1st until June 30th of that fiscal year and all of the next years taxes, even though you will not receive a bill.

Taxes cover the period of July 1st to June 30th. The person who owns it on April 1st will receive the tax bill that is sent out in September. The November 10th payment covers from July 1st to December 31st. The May

10th payment covers from January 1st to June 30th.

Second half of property taxes are due May 10th.

Taxes are based on assessed value as of April 1st.

Taxes are committed in September.

1st half due November 10th.

2nd half due May 10th.

The rest pertains to those people who have not paid their taxes in full by the end of June. Notices of Intent to File a Lien go out in June. Liens are placed on the property in July, approximately 16 months later Notices of Impending Foreclosure are sent out.

If taxes are not paid in full before 18 months after the lien is recorded, the lien automatically forecloses and the Town owns the property.

Did You Know?

1. If the town forecloses, we generally will work with you to enter into a land purchase agreement. You must agree to pay all your outstanding taxes on that property, plus an estimate of the next years taxes during the next 18 months. When they are paid, the town will "Quit Claim" the property back to you.
2. When a lien is placed on your property, it is filed at the Registry of Deeds in Bath. Did you know that credit bureaus list items recorded at the Registry of Deeds? Any tax

lien(s) placed on your property go on your credit report.

3. If you pay your taxes in full for a given year before the lien forecloses, the town will "discharge" that tax lien. You may contact the Town Office about 4-5 weeks after payment to make sure that we have received the recorded discharge back from the registry.

Library Plans Underway



Preliminary plans are underway for the future construction of our new library. Several proposals have been sent out to architects and we are waiting for replies. The new library will be much larger and will include a meeting room, reading room, expanded children's area and will be handicapped accessible.

Donations to the Building Fund are always greatly appreciated.

On May 10th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. during Nurses Appreciation Week we will hold a "Well-Joy Clinic." Children can bring their favorite doll or stuffed animal in and a guest nurse will check out the toys to be sure they are well.

We are planning several monthly events to be sponsored by the library beginning on May 22nd with a talk and slideshow by Ernie DeRaps, who along with his wife Polly, served as a lighthouse keeper on Penobscot Bay. He will have autographed copies of their book available for sale. This event will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Enterprise Grange on the Alexander Reed Road. Donations to benefit the library and the grange will be

accepted. Our annual Memorial Day Book Sale will also be held on May 28th between 9:00-12:00.

On May 29th a "Design Your Own T-Shirt" event will be held between 6:00-7:30 for children eight and up. Each participant should bring a plain bright colored T-shirt with them. Paint will be supplied. Parent participation would be greatly appreciated. Class is limited to 12 so sign up early at the library.

In June we are planning a talk by Ed Friedman on the importance of Merry Meeting Bay, July is our Strawberry Shortcake and Book sale during Richmond Days, August is our once a week Summer Reading Program for kids 5-10 years of age and in September will be our second annual "Really Awesome Big Machine Day." Watch for further details on these up-coming events.

The library is always busy serving the community's reading needs and we have signed up several new patrons but still have room for more.

We have audio machines that play tapes available on a loan program for those who are sight impaired or prefer to listen to books. Call the library 737-2770 for more information or to reserve a machine.

Our Wednesday morning Story Hour program for pre-school kids is still going strong and is very popular with the little ones. In the future we are hoping to have some special events for pre-teens. We have recently purchased some Young Adult, Juvenile and Children's audios that are now available to be checked out.

Book bags with our name on them are available at the library for \$6.00. Remember when you read or listen

to a book you can go anywhere, do anything, and be anyone. Come to your library to find laughter, learning, suspense, peace of mind, strength and love.

Registering a Vehicle

Always bring your current insurance card in when you are registering a vehicle. For people required to file an SR-22 you need to let us know, because you will need to go to a Motor Vehicle branch office and finish your registration.

If you have two (2) names on a registration and you want one (1) name taken off, that person must sign paperwork in order to remove their name. Same thing if you want to add someone, they must also sign some paperwork.

If you have two (2) names and one (1) person dies, that registration is no longer valid. Please bring in copy of the death certificate and complete the necessary paperwork to take the deceased persons name off the registration and/or title.

Registering your Dog

Have you registered your dog for the 2007 year? All dog registrations expired December 31st. You are allowed a 30-day grace period (month of January) to register your dog or you will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. If you have a dog and haven't registered it, the Animal Control Office may be paying you a visit to let you know that dogs need to be registered.

Dog Licenses —————>

Dog Licenses for 2007 are in. After January 31st there is a \$15.00 late fee. After April 1st a \$10.00 warrant fee will be issued by the Animal Control Officer.

Dog licenses are \$7.50 or \$4.00 (spayed/neutered dogs) and please bring in the current rabies certificate. If you have a dog that has not been licensed before, please bring in the current rabies, the spaying/neutering certificate (if applicable), to the Town Office. Dogs need to be licensed once they turn six (6) months old. If you no longer have your dog, please let the Town Office know. Questions about licenses call 737-4305 ext. 500, the animal Control Officer is Rusty Smith (737-2943).

Local Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

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.

You can also visit ASSE's website at www.asse.com.

Rx PRESCRIPTIONS Rx

HOME DELIVERY OPTION

If you are interested in home delivery of your pharmacy prescriptions, follow these steps:

1. Let your provider at RAHC know that you want them to call your prescription in to Kennebec Pharmacy and Home Care's Augusta Office and ask them to deliver your prescription to your home.

2. You should call Kennebec Pharmacy (toll-free 1-888-463-8083) to give them the following information:

- Your name
- Tell them your doctor is calling in a prescription for home delivery.
- Your address and delivery directions to your house.
- Your address and delivery directions to your house.
- The method of payment including:

- i. Insurance Policy
- ii. Co-pay arrangements (payment method: check, credit card, etc.)

3. Free deliveries are made to your home in Richmond on Tuesdays and Fridays only. Cut off for RAHC calling in these prescriptions is 6:00 p.m. the night before the delivery day.

4. Emergency deliveries are available at other times for an additional fee of \$25.

5. Delivery days for other towns are below:

- Litchfield-Tuesday and Friday
- Dresden, Whitefield, and Pittston-Thursday

If you have questions, call Kennebec Professional Pharmacy at 1-888-463-8083.

Town Meeting

Town Meeting will be held June 5th and 6th at the Richmond High School starting at 6:30 p.m.

Elections

Elections are June 12th at the Richmond High School. Polls are open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Improving Education Through Accreditation

Founded in 1885, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) is the nation's oldest regional accrediting association whose mission is the establishment and maintenance of high standards

for all levels of education, from pre-K to the doctoral level.

NEASC serves more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and American/international schools in more than sixty nations worldwide.

Richmond High School is pleased to announce that The Commission of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges met in late March to vote on our school's candidacy for initial accreditation as measured by the seven standards that reflect the best practices for teaching and learning. The Commission not only at the time of the decennial evaluation but also upon consideration of Two-Year, Five-Year and Special Progress Reports and letters of substantive change review the accreditation status of member schools.

The official letter will be sent to the school in May. But preliminary word is that after being engaged in a self-study since 2003 and after hosting a four-day visit from the fourteen-member team during the last week of October 2006, the commission has voted that Richmond High School be granted initial accreditation with no warnings.

In December 2007, three members of the staff will be invited to NEASC's annual meeting in Boston for a congratulatory breakfast meeting, celebrating the initial accreditation status.

The news was announced to the faculty at the staff workshop on Friday, March 30th and to the students at a school wide assembly

on Tuesday, April 3rd. The students received the news with a standing ovation. All present realized the countless hours the accreditation process took.

Richmond High School wishes to thank the staff, students and community for their help and support while pursuing this goal of accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It is an honor to receive accreditation by this well respected commission.

Seth A. Berry

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Richmond's State Representative. I welcome your questions, comments and suggestions at any time on the issues we address this session in Augusta.

To build greater long-term prosperity for Maine and for our region, we must tackle several important issues. Top priorities must include responsible spending and tax reform, strong schools, energy efficiency, affordable health care, and infrastructure improvements to transportation, broadband connectivity, and research. Maine's greatest asset, our famous "quality of place," must also be thoughtfully protected.

Good policy builds from the principals of fairness, opportunity, and responsibility. Growing up in the Richmond area helped to teach me these values, and I hope they are evident in my track record as I do your business in Augusta.

For example, I am now pushing forward legislation for fairer county cost-sharing for Richmond, and

reminding Augusta that Richmond schools spend less per student than the large SAD's. I am also working to be sure we take responsibility for our elders' well-being, and for replacing the aging Richmond-Dresden bridge in a timely manner.

My track record is detailed at my website, www.sethberry.org. I update the site biweekly, and postings are archived for later reference. The site has had more than 4,000 visits, and lists important links, pending legislation, and coming events.

Again, I encourage you to contact me at any time by clicking on "Contact Seth" at my website, or by calling me at 522-1609.

Yours truly, Seth Berry

Richmond Area Health Center News

Many thanks to State Representative Seth Berry for being our first guest celebrity walker on March 7th at the Marcia Buker school in Richmond. Walking continues from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday while school is in session. Come join us and walk your way to better health.

25 Healthy Snacks for Summer:

- Low-fat cottage cheese & fruit
- ½ Grapefruit
- Graham Crackers
- Baked bagel chips
- Air-popped popcorn
- Cantaloupe
- Low-fat mozzarella string cheese
- Baked sweet potato strips
- Frozen fruit bars

- Pretzels
- Natural peanut butter on celery
- Apple butter on toast
- Raw trail mix 1 oz.
- Berries and plain yogurt
- Baked potato with low-fat cheese
- Unsweetened apple sauce
- Dried fruit
- Raw vegetables with low-fat dip
- Rice cakes
- Oranges
- Bananas
- Frozen grapes
- Carrot strips
- Apple
- Unsweetened fruit salad

Longaberger Baskets to kick off their fund raising efforts to install an elevator to allow expansion of services to the second floor. Tickets are \$5.00 each to participate in the 21 basket drawings. Each ticket offers 21 chances to win! The drawings will be held on Saturday evening, July 21st during Richmond Days. To purchase your ticket today call the Richmond Area Health Center at 737-4359 or contact Pam Lindvall RN at 837-8399.

Senior Citizen Transportation Policy

Blood Pressure Clinic

The free blood pressure clinic sponsored by the Richmond Area Health Center held April 25th was a resounding success once again. Each participant received education and information regarding their personal reading.

A special thanks to Dr. Linda Hermans from the RAHC for her presentation on senior depression. Much pertinent information was provided followed by an informative question and answer session. Again thank you Dr. Hermans.

Please join us at the Richmond Town Office for the next free blood pressure clinic scheduled for Wednesday June 20th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. followed by a short lecture by a provider from RAHC. Topic to be announced at a later date.

RAHC Raffle

The Richmond Area Health Center is having a raffle featuring

Due to legal insurance liability we can no longer accommodate Seniors with transportation out of town, we may accommodate Seniors in the town needing rides to the Richmond Area Health Center. For out of town transportation please contact Coastal Transportation at (1-800-444-6207) at least two weeks in advance to arrange an appointment. Charges are on a sliding scale for those on a fixed income. We are sorry to inconvenience anyone but pleased to refer those needing transportation to a reputable and reliable local company. If you have transportation needs of a more urgent nature, PLEASE call 911 for immediate attention.

Notary Services

The Town Office as three (3) notaries available. Please make sure you bring ID with you and you must sign the document in front of the notary.

<p>2007 Holidays <u>Town Office Closed</u> May 28th Memorial Day July 4th Independence Day September 2nd</p>

Marcia Buker Parent Teacher Group Update

The Marcia Buker School Parent Teachers Group has been reformed. The 2006-2007 school year saw the reorganization of the Marcia Buker Parent Teacher Group (PTG). The group met for the first time in February and has enjoyed steady attendance from both parents and teachers. The PTG offers a forum in which parents, grandparents, school staff, and the community have an opportunity to discuss issues and to support the school in offering every student the best possible environment for learning and growth. During this school year, the group has been working on organization, with the election of group officers, and on establishing goals, with a survey of parents and school staff for topics of interest. The group also organized a very successful Spring Supply Drive in which many additional materials and supplies were collected for the classrooms. Thank you to all who donated items or time to the supply drive.

The Marcia Buker Parent Teachers Group has exciting plans for the coming 2007-2008 school year! The PTG will continue to focus on many of the issues suggested in the surveys including:

Improving the communication between parents and school staff, providing many educational opportunities for parents and the community about school or child related topics, school safety, and on providing support for additional educational activities and cultural enrichment opportunities in the

form of the Artist in Residence Programs.

The PTG will also be holding an auction! The auction will take place on the evening of Saturday ,October 13, 2007. The proceeds from the auction will go toward funding for Artist in Residence programs and for other cultural enrichment activities for the students of the Marcia Buker School. In the coming months, we will be asking for volunteers and auction items. If you are interested in helping out with the auction or have an item that you wish to donate you may leave your name and number at the Marcia Buker School office. Anyone interested in attending a PTG meeting is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mindy Hart, Chairperson
Of the Marcia Buker School Parent Teacher Group



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick Community Match Program

As the summer begins and the school year is coming to an end we at Big Brothers Big Sisters are preparing to recruit mentors for our Community Based Mentoring program.

At this time our agency has over 30 children on our waiting list, some of

these children are from the Richmond area. The children on our waiting list live in single parent homes, and are just looking for a friend to spend time with. Mentors of all ages enjoy the friendship and satisfaction of helping a young person grow.

To become a mentor you are asked to commit to one year and spend approximately 8-12 hours a month with a child. Independent studies show that children with mentors are:

- 52% are less likely to skip school.
- 58% are more likely to get higher grades.
- 46% are less likely to begin using drugs.
- 27% are less likely to begin using alcohol.

If you are interested in helping a child in need within your community and would be willing to volunteer for this rewarding opportunity, please contact Connie Hartley, Executive Director @ 729-7736 ext 10 or e-mail:

executive@bbbsbathbrun.org

*“Little Moments,
Big Magic”
Be a Mentor!*



Fort Richmond Park Photo by Charlie Ipcar

New for
2007 – 2008!

Town of Richmond Community & Economic Development Department

Jumpstart for Downtown: *Town Receives \$150,000 CDBG Grant Award*

Development Director Darryl Sterling secured \$150,000 CDBG Community Enterprise Grant for Richmond Downtown Facades & Streetscape Improvements. The funds will be used to address exterior blight of downtown buildings by providing matching grants for façade improvements to storefronts, exterior signage, lighting, physical facade repairs, windows and doors, restoration and preservation. Six to eight Main Street properties will receive a new look! Streetscape improvements may include sidewalks/crosswalks with textured brick print, traffic calming, street lighting, poles with banners, greenery, and site amenities such as benches and trash receptacles. The \$150,000 will be matched with an additional \$200,000 in private and local investment for a project total of \$350,000 to be invested in the community. The façade & streetscape work will begin July, 2007.

Computer System Budget Savings: *Town Receives \$25,000 MMBB Grant Award*

With collaboration from the Assistant Finance Director Laurie Boucher, the Development Director secured a \$25,000 Maine Municipal Bond Bank Credit Quality Improvement Grant for upgrades to the Town's computer financial system and software packages. The grant will cover the cost to pay for the balance of the program.

Fort Richmond Park & Boat Ramp Improvements

With some assistance from the MDOT SHIP Grant the new concrete pedestals and boat ramp improvements will take place in June, 2007. The Town will also implement a new gateway kiosk and sign to replace the old weather battered signs. The new kiosk can offer a community events bulletin board space, including town history, Swan Island, tourism, recreation information space, and local businesses advertising space.

Communications, Town Website, and Getting the Word Out

The Development Director, the Board for Community & Economic Development, and Selectmen Burt Batty did an analysis of the current Town website and met with web designers to utilize the best ways to improve the site to be user friendly, efficiently convey Town services and information to the public, and optimize involvement of local businesses while promoting Richmond. Recommendations/plans have been made to implement website improvements. Target date: July, 2007.

Questions/Need Information?

Main Street Façade Applications,
Streetscape Improvements,
Downtown TIF Credit
Enhancement Agreements, Business
Resources, Other?

Contact:
darrylsterling@richmondmaine.com
737-4305 x 331 voice or 737-4306 fax.

With Thanks and Regards,
Darryl R. Sterling, Director
Community & Economic
Development

Municipal Election Candidates and Sample Ballot

TOWN OF RICHMOND, MAINE

SAMPLE BALLOT

**Candidates to be voted for in the Municipal Election to be held June 12,2007
at the Richmond High School from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

Place a cross (x) or a check mark (T) in the square to the left of the name of the person for whom you wish to vote. Follow the directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. Add names by writing or pasting stickers in blank spaces and make a cross (x) or a check mark (T) at the left of such names. DO NOT ERASE NAMES.

Town Clerk

person who destroys or defaces an official ballot before the election to which it pertains is over, shall have committed a Class E. Crime.

For Budget Committee Member
VOTE FOR THREE 3 YEAR TERM

- Cummins, Clarence
- _____
- _____
- _____

For Budget Committee Member
VOTE FOR ONE 1 YEAR TERM

- _____

For Richmond Utilities District Trustee
VOTE FOR ONE 3 YEAR TERM

- _____

For Supervising School Committee
VOTE FOR ONE 3 YEAR TERM

- Pearson, Mark
- _____

For Selectmen~Assessor~ Overseer of the Poo.
VOTE FOR ONE 3 YEAR TERM

- Goodall, Seth
- Pearson, James
- _____

For Trustee of Trust Funds
VOTE FOR ONE 3 YEAR TERM

- Beasley, Pauline
- _____

For Trustee of Trust Funds
VOTE FOR ONE 2 YEAR TERM

- MacKenzie, Don
- Skinner, Geraldine
- _____

For Trustee of Trust Funds
VOTE FOR ONE 1 YEAR TERM

- Barter, Barbara
- _____

Town of Richmond Current and Proposed Comparison Budget

Dept	Account	Current 06-07	Proposed 07-08	increase (decrease)	%
1100	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 200,497	\$ 223,145	\$ 22,648	11.3%
1200	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$ 26,049	\$ 18,725	\$ (7,324)	-28.1%
1500	BOARDS & COMM	\$ 22,800	\$ 21,150	\$ (1,650)	-7.2%
2200	FIRE	\$ 71,540	\$ 71,170	\$ (370)	-0.5%
2400	TOWN FUEL	\$ 48,925	\$ 48,400	\$ (525)	-1.1%
2600	PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 272,253	\$ 270,382	\$ (1,871)	-0.7%
3300	POLICE	\$ 237,003	\$ 248,116	\$ 11,113	4.7%
3400	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 12,172	\$ 7,284	\$ (4,888)	-40.2%
3600	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 107,050	\$ 105,105	\$ (1,945)	-1.8%
4300	C.E.O.	\$ 26,154	\$ 28,700	\$ 2,546	9.7%
4700	ECONOMIC DEVELOP	\$ 197,090	\$ 196,500	\$ (590)	-0.3%
5000	PARKS & CEMETERIES	\$ 7,120	\$ 9,230	\$ 2,110	29.6%
5100	SUMMER REC	\$ 20,086	\$ 19,611	\$ (475)	-2.4%
5200	SUMMER LEAGUE	\$ 10,990	\$ 10,878	\$ (112)	-1.0%
5300	SENIOR SERVICES	\$ 11,275	\$ 10,045	\$ (1,230)	-10.9%
6000	SOLID WASTE	\$ 21,377	\$ 17,744	\$ (3,633)	-17.0%
8100	P.S.A.	\$ 25,617	\$ 21,029	\$ (4,588)	-17.9%
8200	LIBRARY	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.0%
8300	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 474,655	\$ 450,360	\$ (24,295)	-5.1%
8400	BENEFITS	\$ 177,447	\$ 217,500	\$ 40,053	22.6%
8500	INSURANCE	\$ 81,300	\$ 72,600	\$ (8,700)	-10.7%
8600	GENERAL ASSIST	\$ 11,800	\$ 6,800	\$ (5,000)	-42.4%
8900	DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 308,059	\$ 484,885	\$ 176,826	57.4%
9000	CAPITAL	\$ 195,630	\$ 56,045	\$ (139,585)	-71.4%
9600	LEGAL	\$ 18,500	\$ 5,000	\$ (13,500)	-73.0%
9700	RESERVE	\$ 7,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 10,500	150.0%
	TOTAL	\$ 2,622,389	\$ 2,667,904	\$ 45,515	1.7%
	PROPOSED DEBT	\$ 340,490	\$ 216,375	\$ (124,115)	-36.5%

SENIOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- MAY 8TH MAINE STATE MUSEUM
 Meet at the Town office at 9:30 a.m., The Maine State Museum covers 12,000-plus years of history. All preserved under one roof. Cost: \$1.00 for admission-fee paid at the door. We will eat lunch out, cost of lunch is on you. This is a car-pooling event, please sign up, we need to know how many plan to attend!
- MAY 11TH MOTHERS DAY DINNER AT SENIOR SPECTRUM
 Meet at the town office at 10:30 a.m., This is a car-pooling event, so please sign up, as we need to know how many plan to go. You may pay for your lunch when you arrive there.
- MAY 15TH LAVALLEE CHIROPRACTIC AND FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER
 Meet at the town office at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Lavallee will be here to speak to Seniors on Osteoporosis. This is a topic that becomes very familiar to many of us, as we grow older. Please join us for a very informative session with Dr. LaVallee, who has offices in Richmond and Augusta.
- MAY 21ST RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Meet at the Shepherd of Faith at 10:00 a.m., The Richmond Police Department will give a presentation on Identify Theft, Fraud, Domestic and Elder Abuse. Learn how to protect yourselves from Identify Theft and Fraud. Elder Abuse is everyone’s business. Are banks looking out for your best interest? Please join us for this very informative session and you will have your questions answered at this meeting, **Open to General Public**.
- MAY 23RD DINNER IN HONOR OF MOTHER AND FATHERS DAY
 Meet at the Shepherd of Faith at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., This dinner is to honor Mothers and Fathers on their special day. Everyone is welcome, Game day follows at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Donations Welcome!**
- MAY 25TH THE ARAXINE WILKINS SAWYER FOUNDATION IN GREENE
 Meet at the town office at 12:30 p.m., The Royal River Chorus a Chapter of Sweet Adeline International, will give a performance to advance the musical art form of barbershop harmony. They are one of the largest female singing organizations. Transportation Richmond School Bus.
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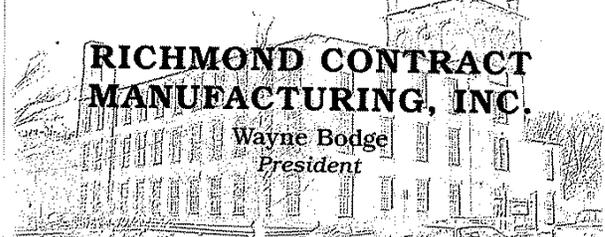
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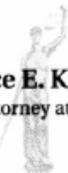


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