



# Mainely Richmond

## A Message From Thomas Fortier, Town Manager

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“Communities need volunteers to prosper” said Pam Lindvall, R.N. in the May/June issue of *Health Center Highlight*. I share Pam’s philosophy and hope to get you on board too! What skill(s) do you have that you can share with your community? Can you help beautify the Richmond community with your master gardening prowess? Does anyone out there have some spare time to freshen up a community park or weed-wack a small abandoned cemetery? Would you like to share your thoughts and ideas and be on a committee to develop an adopt-a-spot program? Please call and/or e-mail me and let me know that you are willing to help and we can start a fantastic effort that will allow our community to Prosper! Thanks Pam for that quotable quote!!

Another reminder, we are offering a “list serve” program. If you would like to be notified of meeting dates, important announcements, Selectman Meeting minutes, etc., contact Laurisa at the town office and we will

add your e-mail address to our program and you will have instant communication with your town government! This is part of an ongoing effort to improve and create productive communication.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Mainely Richmond*. We have included lots of pictures of our wonderful community, the celebrations, and our residents. We are also featuring a Richmond business “Newman Concrete Services” of which we are all very proud. Please support your local merchant!

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



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### 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.

[www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com)

## Town of Richmond Code Enforcement By: Doug Marble

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First I would like to start out this month's newsletter by informing you of a change in the Richmond Code Enforcement Office. As you may be aware, at the annual June Town Meeting the residents of Richmond voted to pass an increased budget line item for a full time Code Enforcement Officer. This occurred while I was in transition from leaving Richmond, to go to work for two smaller Towns in Maine. When asked to consider the idea of working full time for Richmond instead of working part time for four other small towns, I thought about all the nice people I have dealt with in Richmond and how simple it would be to remember only one Town Ordinance, and changed my mind not to leave.

Starting August 1, 2007 the CEO will be working four (4) full time days per week in an effort to better serve the community and the people. I would like to thank the Town Office Staff, the Town Manager, Selectmen, and the voters of Richmond for realizing the need for an experienced Codes Officer. With this change the Codes Officer will have the time needed to complete the necessary building and plumbing inspections, find and correct violations that are occurring in Town, and to adequately enforce the multiple town ordinances, state laws, and federal regulations under the jurisdiction of the Codes Officer.

The Town of Richmond expects 100% compliance with all ordinances. Strict penalties will be

applied to any and all activities found not to be in compliance with the local rules. You must have a permit posted on your land before you start a regulated project. It is always best and recommended that you contact Code Enforcement while planning for any projects on your land. Please call 737-4305 ext. 205, Tuesday-Friday 8a.m.-4p.m.

This summer the Maine DEP has been out in full force evaluating sites for compliance with erosion control and municipal enforcement of the erosion control law. We should all think about the importance of erosion control and the effect erosion has on the environment. All projects that involve earth work must utilize erosion control devices. Please note that all Building Permits will now have detailed erosion control practices on the back of them, in an effort to get full compliance with these rules.

I am sure most of you have heard the buzz about a new vernal pool law that will be in effect as of September 1, 2007. Vernal Pools of special significance get regulated under the Natural Resource Protection Act after this date. This act is a State of Maine DEP regulated rule and therefore is enforced and permitted by and through the DEP only.

A vernal pool is defined as shallow depressions in the forest floor that usually contain water

for only part of the year, (usually April and May) vernal pools have no inlet water source. Significant vernal pools are a subset of vernal pools with a particularly valuable habitat. A significant vernal pool may be identified and documented by someone with experience in wetland ecology or wildlife ecology or a written determination can be done by the DEP. Significant vernal pools do not include man made ones (ATV trail ruts filled with water, water backed up beside an existing road, etc.)

What this means to you is that proposed subdivisions will need to delineate significant vernal pools on their wetland inventory and analysis plan. If a developer or lot owner wants to disturb an area within 250 ft. horizontal distance of a significant vernal pool, an N.R.P.A permit will need to be obtained before approval of the plan. The DEP permit process is the same for individual land owners but the difference is you will not be required to have a wetland map delineation of the significant vernal pools identified; rather you will need to hire a wetland ecologist or wildlife ecologist or get a written determination by the DEP.

I would like to encourage all of you to get out and enjoy these last days of summer and have a great Labor Day!

# Economic & Community Development By: Darryl Sterling

Downtown revitalization activities are in progress along Main Street and elsewhere. Look for more improvements throughout this summer and fall!



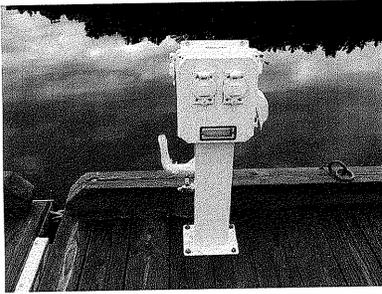
Main Street façade work and new crosswalks. Business development will also occur on Route #201 and by Exit 43, I-295.



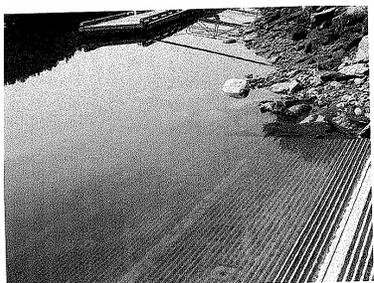
New Kiosk sign at Fort Richmond Park which will feature 12 businesses and a new enclosed community bulletin board with literature holders.



The Richmond Public Boat Launch is completed with two utility pedestals installed with services and disconnects.



The boat ramp now extends out an additional 12' in the river.



Quality of Life! Quality of Life!  
— Enough said...

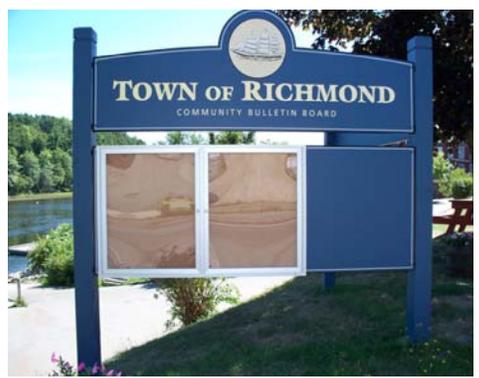
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The above is a sample of National Advertising Campaign for business attraction featured in the Business Expansion Magazine.

New Community Bulletin Board! Residence wishing to display events please contact Laurisa at the town office 737-4305 ext. 208. The town reserves the right to refuse any submissions.



Congratulations to Ed Mackenzie for being featured in the Portland Press Herald Sunday August 19th Issue. His gallery's grand-opening was in June.



STARTING SEPTEMBER 1ST      CRAFTS ON MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

*Items Needed-Glue Gun and Scissors*

- SEPTEMBER 1ST                      LITTLE NOTEBOOK-COST: \$1.00 AND \$2.00
- SEPTEMBER 10TH                      RECIPE OR PICTURE HOLDERS-COST \$1.00
- SEPTEMBER 17TH                      BROOMSTICK DOLL-COST \$1.00
- SEPTEMBER 24TH                      BRACELET-COST \$1.00
- OCTOBER 1ST                      DOLL PIN CUSHION-COST \$1.00

*We will post future craft classes at the Center.*

SEPTEMBER 12TH    LSW & FAMILY CAREGIVER SPECIALIST-VANESSA BROGA

10:00 a.m.– Are you a family caregiver? Would you like to learn more about community support and resources? Family Caregiver Specialists will be here to speak on Senior Spectrums Family Caregiver Support Program that are out there to help you! Vanessa Broga, LSW and (FCSP). The Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Somerset and Waldo Counties. Following Vanessa’s presentation she will answer any question that you may have, everyone is welcome!

SEPTEMBER 18TH    DANA SULLIVAN’S MODEL RAILWAY LAYOUT

1:30 p.m. Lets go see Dana’s Train Display. We will meet at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m., if you need a ride, please call 737-2161, please leave a message if there is no answer.

OCTOBER 7TH      SONGO RIVER QUEEN FOLIAGE TRIP

Meet at the Senior Center at 11: 45 a.m., Cost \$12.00, We need thirty (30) people to make this trip possible. This will be a 2 1/2 hour trip on the Songo River Queen out of Naples. Don’t forget to bring yourself a lunch! So come along and enjoy the beautiful foliage. We will have dinner at the “Top Of The Hill Restaurant” in Casco. Reservations for the restaurant are at 5:00 p.m. Reservations must be made by September 21st.

OCTOBER 8-9TH    AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE

Starts 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.– Cost \$10., Class limit 20, Peter Lamarre-Instructor at the Town Sponsored Senior Citizen Center. You must be 50 or older to attend, refreshments will be served. This is a two day course, four (4) hours each day. You can save up to 10% on your auto insurance; this is good for three years. Upon completion of the course you must notify your insurance carrier to receive your discount. If interested please sign-up at the town office.

OCTOBER 10TH    OPEN HOUSE

Senior Center 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Town Sponsored Senior Citizen Program invites you to our Open House. Please stop by and say “Hello.” We will have a short program to recognize those who have helped us. Gary Nash has given us the opportunity to have this beautiful Senior Center. Many others have helped to make this program what it is today. We are truly grateful to all of them. Refreshments will be served, everyone is welcome!



## OCTOBER 16TH EXERCISE CLASSES-CHAIR YOGA

Senior Center at 1:30p.m. free to Seniors courtesy of Nancy Cote-Instructor

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga. Yoga can duplicate any yoga pose typically done on the floor, but it is easier on those limber muscles. Comfortably supported participants stretch by holding modified versions of traditional yoga poses. As an example the normally upright forward bend, for example, entails sitting in one chair and positioning both legs on a facing chair, the hands reaching for the second chairs arms. Standing posture such as Triangle and Warrior variations, can be practiced seated or standing, with the aid of a chair.

## OCTOBER 16TH Dietician Susanne Bazinet from Senior Spectrum “Cooking for One or Two”

10:00 a.m.-Senior Center Suzanne Bazinet will be with us again. We are sure that it will be interesting and informative as always.

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

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## Raffle Winners

Cecelia Atwood, Harvey Jewett, Kathy Seigars a four time winner, Cory Gardner, Geoff Ragsdale, June Seigars, Charlotte Hurley, Steve Bodge, Andy Pierce, Marita Miller, Aldon Pinkham, Lawrence Laliberte, Ruth Ragsdale, Sue Baxter, Sarah Lancaster. Richmond Police Chief Richard Heald was elected to draw the lucky winners. Thank you for helping us Chief Heald!

## Coastal Transportation

These are the income guidelines for Coastal Transportation to take you to the Topsham Fair Mall and return. This service is open to the General Public. Mainecare clients ride free, all others listed below ride free:

# OF PEOPLE	INCOME PER MONTH
1 person household	\$1,225.
2 person household	\$1,650.
3 person household	\$2,075.
4 person household	\$2,500.

Mainecare clients receive transportation to Augusta. If you would like transportation to the Topsham Fair Mall you must fill out the necessary form available at the Senior Center on Front Street. Fill out the form and return to Coastal Transportation and you should receive the service in two to three weeks. If you need help filling out the form, we will be glad to assist you. You may reach Coastal Transportation at 1-800-444-6207.

## Money Management Program

We are interested in starting this program if there is a need for it in our community. In 1981 the Money Management Program uses volunteers to help low-income adults or people with disabilities who have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills and keeping track of financial matters. Bill Payer volunteers provide check-book balancing and bill paying services for people who remain in control of their finances but need some help keeping things in order. Some clients are served on a short-term basis, but the majority is served on a long-term basis. A variety of agencies sponsor the program locally, including area agencies on Ageing, Department of Social Services, and Senior Centers. As people get older, managing finances can be difficult. The AARP Money Management Program enlists volunteers to help seniors with tasks like paying bills and balancing their checkbooks. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding program, please contact us or Senior Spectrum at 1-800-539-1553 or 729-0475. Senior Spectrum volunteer application forms are available at the Senior Center on Front Street. If you or someone you know has a need for this program, please let us know.



## Seniors Staying Active

Doing volunteer work as well as being employed. The Golden Oldies are proud of their own!



Barbara Srock is actively involved in various community and church projects, activities and committees. She enthusiastically supports the Golden Oldies Town Sponsored Seniors. This summer she delightfully accepted

an offer to work at the Richmond Summer Recreation Program.

*"It was wonderful to be in the company of young people again."-Barbara Srock*



Cecilia Atwood has been a volunteer at the Maine Veterans Home for ten years, she was recently elected as President of the Volunteer Advisory Committee. She is Secretary for the Richmond Enterprise Grange and

has been an active Granger since 1983. Also secretary for Sagadahoc Pomona and the American Auxiliary Unit 132 for eight years and President for the VFW Auxiliary Post 9 in Gardiner.

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

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

***Town Sponsored Senior citizen Program***

**For further information and details please contact:**

**Betty Pratt @ 737-2161**

**Remember to leave a message if there is no answer!!**



Judy Lewis retired from Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base (Georgia) where she was employed as a Technical Information Specialist. She currently lives in Dresden with her husband Jim and their dog "Bubba." They enjoy traveling extensively and are always happy to return home to Maine. Judy is currently serving as President of the Fourth District

of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is a member of the Emerson Lane Unit 132 where she is Sergeant-at-Arms. She serves as Treasurer of the Enterprise Grange, volunteers at the Gardiner Food Bank, Dresden Recycling, and Togus. She is also a member of the Kennebec Jewels of D'Nile Red Hat Society. In addition, she is a supporter of the Town Sponsored Senior Citizen Group. Reading and exploring new places are an important part of her life as well as delighting in her four grandchildren.

*"Well behaved women seldom make history"-  
Judy Lewis (Favorite Saying)*

## Richmond Days Success!

Richmond Days was a huge success for us. We want to thank everyone who donated items for our raffle. Thank you to those that cooked for our food sale, for making the birdhouses that we sold and for the tapes that were donated. Our calendars were very popular. A special thank you, to those who helped us set up and those that spent the day working at our sale. It was a good time for all of us.



## HEALTH CENTER NEWS.....

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Please join us September 26th at 10am at the Town Sponsored Senior Citizens Center on Front Street when Christine Holzinger M.A., will present a brief but informative talk on the importance of feeding your mind with healthy thoughts. "Take Control of Your Health!" "How the Power of Positive Thinking can Improve and Enrich Your Life." will be the topic that will surely add that upbeat lift we all need.

RAHC is having a yard sale to dispose of extra furnishings and employee contributions of miscellaneous trash and treasured Saturday September 29th from 8-12pm in the parking lot at 24 Gardiner Street. Prices will be low and open to bargaining. Funds raised will be added to the "Take it to the Top Level" elevator fund!

Move More and the Town Sponsored Richmond Seniors are continuing to sponsor the free Marcia Buker walking group to resume Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Walking hours are Mon-Thurs. 3-5pm any day school is in session except Oct 25. Good company, good exercise, friendly safe environment, come walk your way to better health. For more information call Pam Lindvall RN @ 7374359.

Shelley Hickey, FNP, a provider at the RAHC will speak Wed Oct 24th at 11am on the Signs, Symptoms and Prevention of Stroke at the Richmond Town Sponsored Senior Citizen Center. The public is invited to attend. A free Blood Pressure Clinic will be held starting @ 9:30am.

The Richmond Days and Dresden Summerfest events in July were a great success! Bottled water, UV bracelets, sunscreen, blood pressure checks, and educational literature were provided. Many thanks to the RAHC providers, board members and staff for their participation in these community events. The fund raiser Longaberger raffle raised over \$2,000.00 for our "Take it to Another Level" elevator fund. Again thank you for the donations from area individuals and businesses for contributing to this worthy cause that will allow us to better serve the community.

Our next scheduled event will be to attend "Celebrate Bowdoinham" Sept 8th. Please join us for a day of fun and festivities at Mailly Park on the waterfront in Bowdoinham. Again bottled water, UV bracelets, sunscreen, blood pressure checks and educational literature will be provided. Come meet the friendly staff from RAHC. We want to be your local health care provider.



## NEED FIBER?

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People are always talking about fiber. Are you looking for simple ways to add fiber to your diet? Fiber helps your digestive system stay healthy, slows down absorption of sugars in your diet, and helps to control cholesterol. Here are some easy ways to increase the amount of fiber in your diet without making any drastic dietary changes:

- Eat an orange rather than drinking just the juice. The pulp contains the fiber.
- Eat all of your apple. Eat whole fruits. The seeds and skin contain the fiber you need.
- Don't peel your potatoes. Eat the skins which contain much of the nutrition.
- Buy whole grain breads. Whole grains contain the fiber that is normally processed out of white flour.
- Add more vegetables to your soups and stews. Meat doesn't contain any fiber, so add a few more vegetables or even some beans to improve the fiber content.
- When increasing your dietary fiber proceed slowly and increase your water intake to prevent constipation.

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

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- *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 1<sup>st</sup>*
- *You have to be a legal resident 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.*

## Schedule of Events

- 9/1/07- Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 9/2/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 9/3/07-Labor Day, Town Office Closed
- 9/10/07-Economic Development 7:00
- 9/10/07-Fire Department 6:30
- 9/11/07-Planning Board 6:00
- 9/13/07-Selectmen 7:00
- 9/15/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 9/16/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 9/17/07-Fire Department 6:30
- 9/25/07-Plannin Board 6:00
- 9/27/07-Selectmen 7:00
- 9/7/07-Town Office Open Until 6:00

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Holding Area 9-3
2 Holding Area 9-3	3 Closed	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 7:00 Eco. Dev.	11 6:00 p Plan Bd.	12	13 7:00 p Sel. Mtg.	14	15 Holding Area 9-3
16 Holding Area 9-3	17 6:30p Fire Dept	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 6:30p Fire Dept.	25 6:00 p Plan. Bd.	26	27 7:00 p Sel. Mtg.	28	29
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**Tax bills will be mailed out at the end of September.**

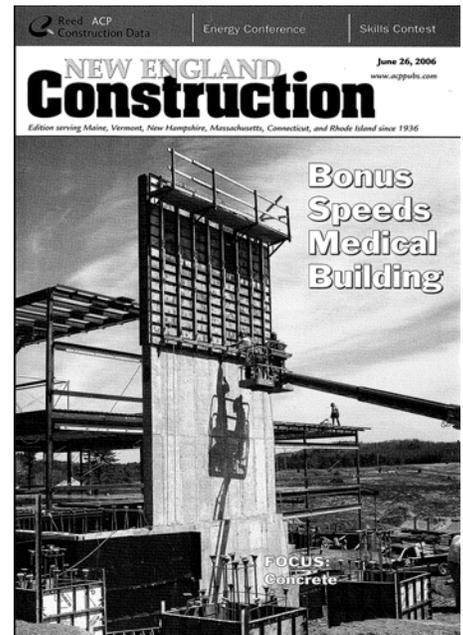
**First half due November 10th .**

## NCS...Newman Concrete Services



Newman Concrete Services recently moved its company and corporate offices to Richmond, Maine. The company constructed their new facility and expansion at Exit 43 I-295 and Route 197. Co-owners Brad Moll and Doug Newman stated that the company does specialty concrete

contracting and sub-contracting jobs from Houlton, Maine to Nashua, New Hampshire. The new Richmond building also has professional office lease space and conference facilities. Newman Concrete Services currently has 85 employees. The company was featured in the June 2006 New England Construction magazine and will be on the cover of the September, 2007 Issue of Concrete Construction, a national magazine. Welcome to Richmond!



*Newman Concrete Services uses a JLG boom lift to hoist workers, who are stripping shear wall forms at Augusta, Maine, Cancer Treatment Center.*

## Schedule of Events

- 10/1/07-Fire Department 6:30
- 10/1/07-Budget Comm. 6:30
- 10/2/07-CDBG Loan Mtg. 6:00
- 10/3/07-School Board 7:00
- 10/6/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 10/7/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 10/8/07-Columbus Day-Office Closed
- 10/9/07-Planning Board 6:00
- 10/11/07-Selectmen 7:00
- 10/13/07-Marcia Buker Parent Teacher Auction
- 10/20/07-Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 10/21/07- Holding Area Open 9:00-3:00
- 10/23/07-Planning Board 6:00
- 10/25/07-Selectmen 7:00 / Office Open until 6:00

# October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p Bud Com	2 6:00p CDBG	3	4	5	6 Holding Area 9-3
7 Holding Area 9-3	8 Office Closed	9 6:00p Plan Bd.	10	11 7:00p Sel Mtg.	12	13 MB Auction
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Holding Area 9-3
21 Holding Area 9-3	22	23 6:00p Plan Bd.	24	25 7:00p Sel Mtg.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Our neighbors on Lincoln Street would like everyone to please slow down when passing through due to the many residents and children in the area. Thank You!

### 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 postcards, 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@zwi.net](mailto:Red6B17@zwi.net) and I will get back to

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ASSOCIATE BROKER

# Richmond Days 2007



## UNIVERSAL WASTE INFO

The Richmond Universal Waste Station located at 17 High Street (Public Works Garage Parking lot) is open the 1st Saturday of the Month. April-November 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and December-March 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The station is open to all Richmond residents and Richmond businesses. Below is a list of what is accepted along with the price:

### COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS

Monitors (17" or Less)	\$2.50 each
Monitors (Over 17")	\$3.00 each
Televisions (Non-Consoles)	\$3.00 each
Console Televisions	\$5.00 each
Desktop Printers/Copiers, Fax Machines, Scanners, etc.	\$2.00 each
Floor Copiers/Printers, ect.	\$5.00 each
CPU's (Processing Towers & Units), Laptop Computers	\$.75 each
Computer Peripherals-Keyboards, Mouse, Speakers, etc.	\$.25 each
UPS's Battery Backup Systems	\$2.00 each

### LAMP BULBS

Straight Fluorescent Bulbs-2ft.	\$.10 each
Straight Fluorescent Bulbs-4ft.	\$.20 each
Straight Fluorescent Bulbs-8ft.	\$.50 each
Crushed Lamps	\$1.00 per lb.
U-Maps, Circles & Compacts	\$.50 per lamp
HID Lamps	\$1.00 per lamp

### BALLASTS-INCLUDES WEIGHT OF CONTAINER

Ballasts	\$.25 each
Transformers-Quoted Upon Request	
Large or Small Capacitors	\$.50 per lb.
Mercury Containing Devices: Including the weight of the container	\$2.00 per lb.

## ANIMAL CONTROL PROTOCOL...

Residents that have an animal control complaint should telephone county communication dispatch at 737-8518.

The Police Department will respond to the complaint and decide what course of action is needed. If an animal control agent is warranted, Cliff Daigle our new Animal Control Officer will be dispatched.

This will provide better communication with you the residents. We all appreciate Chief Heald and his officer's willingness to adopt the new procedures and assuming the added responsibility.

*Animal Control Complaints Call: County Communication  
Dispatch @737-8518*

## A MESSAGE FROM RUD

The District has 100 meters to change out this fall. According to State and Federal law whenever we conduct work on internal fixtures we have to require the installation of a backflow device. Some homes may already have a backflow preventer, but most older homes do not. The District can install one for \$92.00, which represents what we paid for the parts, at the same time that we change out your meter. You also have the option of hiring a plumber to do the work or you can do the work yourself. If you choose not to have the District do the work when they are there, you will be asked to sign a waiver stating that you will have the work done within a stated period of time.

The District would also like to thank all of our customers that were affected by the smoke testing that we did in July. We identified 37 areas that will need repairs. Sevee & Maher Engineers are still analyzing the results of the testing. They will prioritize the findings so that we can take care of the biggest problems first. All of this work is part of the District's ongoing efforts to reduce rain and run-off water from entering the sewers.

# Tree Day Success!



The town would like to thank Clarence and Dee Cummins for being most hospitable July 12, 2007 for our resident tree day give away.

Clarence and Dee have taken great care of the trees for 5± years.

There was a variety of hard and softwood in varying heights.

The turn out of residents was terrific we hope everyone enjoyed harvesting and planting their new trees.

Adding extra greenery to the town makes it a more inviting place to be.

Thank you again Clarence and Dee!



*Alan Moeller  
Public Works*



*Thomas Fortier  
Town Manager*

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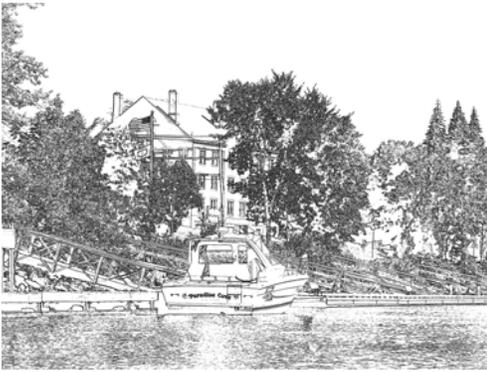
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# Review of the Fort Richmond Waterfront Park Underway

By: Burt Batty



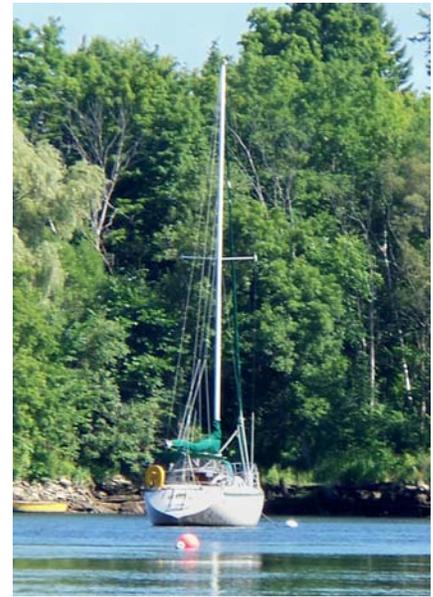
The Richmond Selectmen have created a committee to review what improvements are needed for our waterfront park. Selectmen Leighton Carver, Seth Goodall, Burt Batty have been joined by members of the community including Bruce Hurley, Dick LaChance, Lois Legendre, Jim Margetts, Laurisa Loon, Tom Fortier, Rusty Dyke, Gary Nash O'Neil Laplant, Darryl Sterling and Gordon Sherman. Our task was and is to review the current condition of the waterfront park and harbor area and identify improvements that are needed.

The Committee has met several times this summer and have identified several needs for park patrons and boaters alike. Here is a list of some of the needs we have identified thus far:

1. Install additional lighting in the park and parking lot areas to improve security.
2. Install additional signage for parking and the dock area to regulate activity.
3. Create additional parking for vehicles with boat trailers in the lot behind the Ames Mill.
4. Hire a "seasonal" waterfront park attendant to assist boaters, provide water and the pump-out services throughout the day. This person would also provide basic maintenance throughout the park. Most likely our plan would be to hire

someone for next summer and attempt to secure outside funding for the position.

5. Provide additional channel markers for boaters to safely enter the Richmond Harbor from the north end of Swan Island. We will attempt to have the US Coast Guard provide the additional channel markers.
6. Provide at least two guest moorings for visitors and clearly designate the mooring field for private moorings.
7. Replace the portable toilets in the park with a building for restrooms and a utility room that would house the equipment used at the park and dock.
8. Committee members are concerned about the dangers to persons, especially children posed by swimming in the boat launch area and off the docks. Our current Richmond Kennebec River Ordinance (1808 Section E) passed at a Town Meeting in 1996 stipulates that "No person shall engage in swimming from the Public Floats or from water craft tied to the Floats." Enforcement of this requirement has been extremely difficult or non-existent because of lack of enforcement staff.



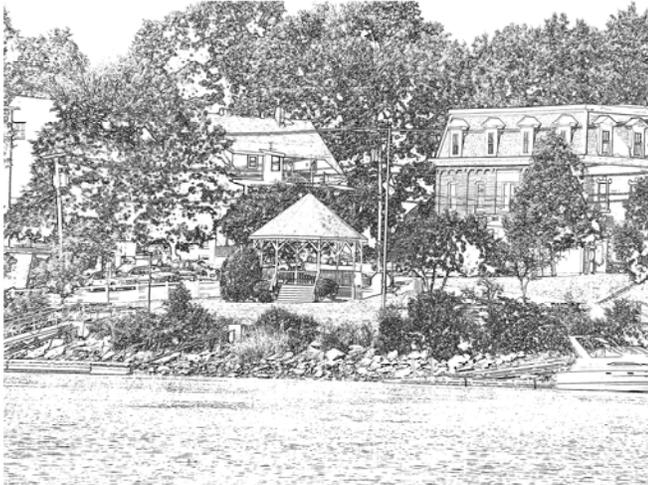
Fortunately, we have not had a fatal accident at the waterfront and the Selectmen want to take steps to make sure the park is a safe place for everyone.

With the slated improvements to our business district on Main Street already underway and improvements to our waterfront, the committee believes the town can attract more boaters and tourists alike that will benefit our local economy. We will seek outside funding for the improvements as a first priority.

We are interested in community input on these issues and welcome your comments and suggestions.

# Our Beautiful Waterfront on the Kennebec

By: Leighton Carver



As most of you are aware material left on our property including sidewalks and streets most likely will end up in our catch basins and then travel through our underground storm water system and go directly into the Kennebec River untreated. What can you do as a citizen to help keep our Kennebec River clean:

- Practice ecological landscaping to reduce the need

for fertilizers and pesticides for our yards.

- Keep your lawn area small which will help to reduce stormwater run off.
- Use trees and shrubs to absorb rain water and prevent soil erosion.
- Test your soil to see what, if any, fertilizer it needs.
- If you must apply fertilizer wait until late summer/early fall when the ground is warm enough to absorb it.
- Maintain your property so that motor oil, pet waste, soil, trash and cigarette butts are cleaned up immediately so that they do not leave your property and get into the streets, catch basins and travel directly into the Kennebec River.

Remember our clean water starts with you so that everyone can enjoy.

For additional articles on non pollutant discharges and other environmental awareness go on line at “MDEP In Your Backyard.”

## Richmond Residents “List-Serve”



If you would like to be better informed in ongoing town information please send an email at the 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 our 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:

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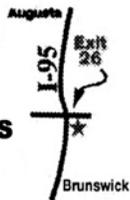
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# Umbertine Library News....



Things are still very busy here at the library. We have had some very good non-fiction books donated to us. Thanks to all who remember us when it comes time to clean out the attic, basement or whatever. We love fiction and non-fiction books in good condition.

The building committee has been discussing the future of our new library. More meetings are needed to plan large fund raising events. The town desperately needs a larger library to accommodate the books we have now and those that we will be ordering in the future. We also need to accommodate our handicap citizens.

The Summer Reading Program is a great success again this year. The theme this summer is "Get a Clue at Your Library." We would like to thank Pierces' Country Store, Richmond Variety, K & G Hardware, The Flower Spot, Police Chief Richard Heald, Detective O'Neal Laplante, Officer Dan Dutton,

Brittany Knox, Katrina O'Neill and Tim Acord for helping us make this program so successful. Many thanks to the moms who came by to help.

The "Really Awesome Big Machine Day" will be held on September 8-11 at the High School. Make plans to come out and ring bells, turn on sirens, sit in the drivers seat, take pictures and have fun!

Have you ever wondered what we do with the books that are weeded out of the library or that we already have when someone makes a donation? They go over to the Annex to be sold at our book sales. If they don't sell after a couple of sales then volunteers Ellen Kroot and Linda Kochevko box them up and find other homes for them. So far we have donated books to the Penobscot County Jail, Survivors of Hurricane Katrina, The Rotary Project to start libraries and to Better World Books to be used in third world countries.

Instead of having these books shredded they are now in the hands of people who can enjoy them.

We will be having our annual Harvest Sale in October. A book sale as well as pies, pumpkins, and other homemade food items. For more details please contact the library.

The library is growing and going strong. Stop in to pick up one of new arrivals, meet a friend, feed your mind and show your support.

<b><u>LIBRARY HOURS</u></b>	
MONDAY:	2:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
TUESDAY:	1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
THURSDAY:	4:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
FRIDAY:	2:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
SATURDAY:	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
<b>CLOSED SUNDAY</b>	

## **New Arrivals**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows as book and audio; What Matters Most, Luanne Rice; The Sleeping Doll, Jeffrey Deaver; Michael Tolliver Lives, Armistead Maupin; The Bourne Betrayal, Robert Ludlum; The Devil's Labyrinth, John Saul; Bungalow 2, Danielle Steele; Drop Dead Beautiful, Jackie Collins.



## Revaluation Follow Up....

Parker Appraisal is in full swing and may have already been by your home. Once the town revaluation is completed, you will be sent a notice of your new value (early 08').

### IS MY ASSESSMENT CORRECT?

The following questions and accompanying information can help you to decide if your assessment is correct.

Please Note: If you are concerned that your taxes are going to double because your property value has doubled, that is usually not the case. Since everyone else's property value is also rising, the tax rate usually drops somewhat proportionally to the amount of total increase to the Town's total value.

### DOES THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION ON MY PROPERTY?

You can review the information that the Assessing Department has collected on your property to make sure that the data is accurate. While reviewing your property, you should make sure that all measurements on the sketch are accurate. Please note that all measurements are taken from the exterior. You should also check the land size and interior data to ensure accuracy. Check how much similar properties in the area are selling for, make sure

you choose recent sales that are similar to your property. If you do not have any recent sales activity in your area you can look up the assessed value of similar parcels that are located near your property.

### IF HEARINGS ARE BEING HELD, HOW DO I PREPARE FOR ONE?

Please note: It is up to the taxpayer to make the case that the assessment is incorrect. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you come to a hearing fully prepared to state your case. If the project involved interior data collection and you refused entry either by declining a lister's request to view your interior or failing to respond to any correspondence requesting access to your interior, you may lose your rights to appeal your assessment. After following the steps from the previous paragraph, you may decide that you want to schedule a hearing. You may have uncovered a data error, found some comparable sales that support a lower assessment on your property or you may want to make someone aware of an irregularity that affects the value of your property. When attending the hearing, you should come prepared, it is up to you to convince the hearing officer why the value is incorrect if you are to receive a change of value. If you supplied information in the past that lowered your value, bring it

along again. Please be aware that the information may already be on your record and may already be reflected in your value. If you have an issue pertaining to the use of your property, please bring in supporting evidence such as a deed showing a usage restriction or a plot plan which outlines any topographical irregularities. If you want other issues made aware please bring in pictures, past documentation or anything else that will help you to prove your case.

### HOW WILL I KNOW IF A CHANGE WAS MADE TO MY ASSESSMENT AFTER MY HEARING?

At the conclusion of the hearings, appraisal staff will review the notes from your hearing and any information you have provided on your property. They will make changes to the data and/or value of the property if appropriate. After this final review process is complete for all properties, a change notice is sent to you. The new value on this change notice will reflect the changes made based on your hearing. This value will now be considered your new assessment and will be reflected in the Assessors records.



# Richmond School Consolidation

By: School Board Chair Jill Adams and Selectman Seth Goodall

The Richmond School System is reorganizing as a result of the passage of the School Administrative Reorganization law last legislative session. In January, Governor John Baldacci proposed consolidating Maine's 290 school districts into 26. The proposal was premised on saving \$36.5 million in the next biennium through administrative efficiencies. After exhaustive debate and meetings state-wide, the Legislator passed an amended proposal, settling on 80 districts each composed of 2500 students, while saving the proposed \$36.5 million.

Richmond Schools are ahead of the curve! Immediately after the Governor's proposal, Richmond's Superintendent, Martha Witham, and Jill Adams, Chair of the Richmond School Board, began meeting with neighboring towns to find partners that were determined, first and foremost, to preserve quality education in a small school setting.

In August, Richmond signed a letter of intent to form a Regional School Unit (RSU) with Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth and Richmond. If approved by the Department of Education, this RSU will consist of 2460 students, which is anticipated to be acceptable even though it falls 40 students short of the 2500 student threshold.

These towns are choosing to partner with each other because of the shared common goals and the trust that exists between officials. All the towns share a similar philosophical view toward education, they believe in maintaining local schools, and the schools are financially compatible.

A RSU planning committee is forming that will consist of

three members per town. Each town will be represented by a school and municipal official, and a community member. School Board member O'Neil LaPlante will represent the school and Selectman Seth Goodall will represent the municipality. The community member is in the process of being selected by a joint committee of the School Board and Selectmen.

It is anticipated the RSU planning committee will meet weekly through November before submitting an RSU plan to the Department of Education on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If approved, Richmond voters will vote on the plan between January and June to determine if they want to join the RSU. If Richmond chooses not to join, the town will lose state funding estimated at approximately \$120,000 per year.

It is our goal to continually update you on the planning committee's progress and answer all questions or concerns. The planning committee's meetings will be open to the public with some of the meetings having time for public comment. It is our intent to provide information online at both the school's ([www.richmond.k12.me.us](http://www.richmond.k12.me.us)) and town's ([www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com)) websites. For more complete information on the legislation and the process please visit the Department of Education's website at [www.maine.gov/education](http://www.maine.gov/education).

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2. Hurley Family - 4 Fir Handmade Christmas Wreaths
3. Little Fish Smelt Camps, Jim McPherson - 2 Smelt Camp rentals for 1 tide, 4 people for each
4. McKenney Tree Service - 1 Stump Grinding, any size within 25 mile radius
5. Judy Batty - Handmade Stained Glass Frame
6. Wiscasset Recreation Center - 4 Pack of Day Passes
7. Bruce Hurley - Aerial Photo of Your Home - within 1/2 hour distance of Richmond
8. Alien Auto - Auto Detailing, \$120.00 value
9. Abby Lane Daycare - Basket of Educational Materials
10. Lamoureux Floor Sanding & Refinishing - \$50.00 Gift Card to Home Depot and \$50.00 Gift Card to Longhorn Steakhouse
11. Watson's Construction, Josh Watson - 1 Cord of Firewood delivered within 25 miles radius of Richmond
12. Maine Moose Hockey Team - 4 Pack of Tickets to a Game and meet Maine Moose Players
13. Morning Sky Farm, Paula Bonarrigo - 1 Hour Riding Lesson
14. Gail Holden - Handmade Craft
15. Law Office of Alice Knapp - Simple Will Preparation
16. Hixon Electrical - 4 Hours of Electrical Work
17. Jackie Medeiros - Pampered Chef Basket
18. Richmond Insurance Agency - 2 \$50.00 Gift Cards to Olive Garden Restaurant
19. WABK, Ryan Cote - Surprise Donation
20. Jordan Kirsch Photography - Print, \$25.00 value
21. Railway Cafe - \$50.00 Gift Certificate
22. Acord Storage - 1 Month Rental on a 10' x 10' Unit
23. Compu Clean, Laurie Saunders - Computer Cleaning
24. Main Street Dairy Treat - Gift Basket to include \$20.00 Gift Certificate
25. Ideal Auto and Marine - 1 Gallon 2 Cycle Oil and 1 Gallon Bilge Cleaner
26. Kincer Funeral Home - \$100.00 LL Beam Gift Card
27. Keepsakes - Handpainted Tin Birdhouse worth \$20.00 and Reproduction Shaker Wall Cabinet worth \$65.00
28. Tammy Houdlette & Family - \$20.00 Gift Basket
29. Jackie Frost - Handmade Jax Sax Bag worth \$20.00
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31. Bob's Auto Sales - Oil Change and Grease Job
32. Boston Museum of Science - 2 One-Time Passes to Exhibit Halls
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