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TOWN OF RICHMOND

NOVEMBER 2008

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**TOWN OF RICHMOND**

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### Schedule of Events

- 11/1/08-Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.
- 11/2/08 Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.
- 11/2/08 Turn back your clocks!
- 11/3/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 11/4/08 CDBG 6:00p.m.

- 11/6/08 Selectmen 7:00p.m.
- 11/8/08 Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.
- 11/10/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 11/10/08 Waterfront Committee 7:00p.m.
- 11/10/08 Economic Development 7:00p.m.
- 11/11/08 Town Office Closed
- 11/15/08 Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.
- 11/17/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 11/20/08 Town Office Open Until 6:00p.m.
- 11/22/08 Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.
- 11/24/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 11/25/08 Planning Board 6:00p.m.
- 11/27-28/08 Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/29/08 Holding Area Open 9-3p.m.

### Schedule of Events

- 12/1/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 12/1/08 Waterfront Committee 7:00p.m.
- 12/4/08 Selectmen 7:00p.m.
- 12/6/08 Holding Area Open 9-1p.m.
- 12/8/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 12/8/08 Economic Development 7:00p.m.
- 12/12/08 3rd Annual Tree Lighting 6:30p.m.
- 12/13/08 Holding Area Open 9-1p.m.
- 12/15/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 12/16/08 Planning Board 6:00p.m.
- 12/18/08 Selectmen 7:00p.m.

## December 2008

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- 12/20/08 Holding Area Open 9-1p.m.
- 12/22/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 12/24/08 Town Office Closing at Noon
- 12/25-12/26/08 Closed for Christmas
- 12/27/08 Holding Area Open 9-1p.m.
- 12/29/08 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 1/1/09 Town Office Closed

### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY: DARRYL STERLING

Along with all the changes happening such as Main Street facades, Front Street sidewalks, improved parking and Lane Field Park improvements, there are more on the horizon. On October 24th an application was submitted to the Department of Economic & Community Development to fund improvements to the waterfront park under State of Maine Riverfront Bond Program. These improvements consist of shore land stabilization, parking improvements and a permanent restroom facility. This grant is leveraged from previous CDBG grant funds. If approved the town would receive \$370,000 in funds to address those issues. The project would take place in Summer 2009.

this month, the park will be fully equipped with walking trails, playground equipment, adult exercise equipment and additional parking improvements surrounded by granite curbed sidewalks.

Later this year decorative street lights will be placed along the Front Street waterfront to improve the lighting in the downtown.

Don't forget that new sidewalks will be constructed on North Front Street (Main to Tulip Street), in the Summer of 2009. So, please drop by the Town Office if you wish to inquire about ongoing projects. Plans are available for viewing and suggestions are always welcome!

Look for Lane Field Improvements to be completed

BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



**BELOW:** Bob Howe and Alan Moeller of Richmond Public Works working on the Lane Field improvement project.



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### Dear Richmond Friends and Neighbors:

With respect to my recent health issue with cancer, words cannot adequately express my thanks for the prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls and visits with which you have shown your concern and support for me. I have never experienced such an outpouring of caring from one community and it

lifts my heart higher than you will ever know. Life is good in Richmond!

Although my original prognosis was not good, there is now a bright ray of hope, based on the treatment I am receiving with the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University in North Carolina. After two months of specialized treatment the results are promising. And, I am feeling good!

I will continue to be involved with Town projects and to maintain my position as Selectman. My health has not dampened my need to be an active member of this wonderful community.

Because life is so short, I believe now, more than ever, that we should all strive to live well, love much and laugh often.

-Sincerely, Burt Batty

### Involvement is Key to Community Development

By Seth Goodall (sgoodall@yahoo.com or 737-4797)

Recently, the American Legion held their annual Americanism night to thank everyone for their devotion to our country and town, as well as to award numerous scholarships and grants to charitable organizations. While talking to attendees and listening to the presentation, it is clearly evident the passion our citizens and organizations have for Richmond.

Great things are happening in Richmond even during these troubling financial times and people from surrounding towns are taking notice. As I talk with them, they comment on how great Main Street looks, job creation through Hodgdon Yachts, the sense of town's renewal, "what a great place to buy a home" and the success of our schools.

Despite these positive steps, we do experience growing pains as we move forward. Therefore, we must work together and encourage people to become involved in our community in order to maintain the momentum. Involvement comes in many shapes and sizes. It helps to improve our services, reduces the financial strain on taxpayers and plan for the future.

First and foremost, please do not hesitate to contact your elected officials or the town office with any questions or concerns because it makes government work better for the people. For example, the recycling center at the transfer station recently had to be closed one Saturday due to unanticipated popularity and use. Unfortunately, recyclers had to be turned away. Thankfully, those affected contacted selectboard members and the town office, and the problem was solved going forward so that it will not happen again.

Also, please consider becoming involved with a local organization, municipal committee or the schools. Richmond has wonderful organizations that serve everyone from our seniors, youth and the less fortunate. We have municipal boards ranging from economic development to Richmond Days that need members. Everything in town is interconnected and increased participation strengthens the web that is our community.

Richmond's future is bright and it is important that we continue to foster community development, not just economic development, in order to maintain the momentum.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT BY: DOUG MARBLE

The past couple of months have been very active in the world of Code Enforcement. A lot of the projects that were started this summer are being finished up. Some landowners have been into the office to get a permit for a fall project in anticipation of the winter to come.

Some commercial building projects going on in Town include the following:

The Exit 43 Quik Stop expansion of the parking lot and the diesel and gas pumps.

The New Richmond Variety Convenience Store is well under way. A new office building for engineering services is being built off from River Road, and a small business that specializes in detailing vehicles and installing vehicle accessories has been approved, and is now open on Main Street.

The Downtown Main Street Building Façade grant program that Richmond's Eco-

nomie Development Director, Darryl Sterling oversees; has done an excellent job with getting downtown buildings spruced up and refurbished. You, the citizens of Richmond must be proud of this progress, the Town is looking great!

New Residential homes are being built all over Town even with this slowed housing market. Two new homes are being built off from Langdon Road. One new home off from Lawson Ridge, and two new homes off from Beedle Road are being constructed. A residential Subdivision has been created off from Alexander Reed Road and contains 14 lots with three internal roads to service the lots.

The Town of Richmond Ordinance Review Committee has been meeting every other Tuesday at the Town office and welcomes anyone interested to join us at 8am November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The State of Maine Shoreland Zoning guidelines are slated to be revised by Town meeting '09 and

include revised Resource Protection zoning. The State DEP originally created a map in 2006 that included large areas to be changed into Resource Protection because of wading bird habitat. I had many citizens contact me who were going to be impacted by this new Resource Protection map and asked if DEP would re-evaluate the map. In response to this the Maine DEP asked Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists to re-evaluate the Richmond resource protection map. I now have received the latest edition of this map dated April 2008. The areas people were concerned with have been removed from the map. Anyone interested can view this map at the Town Office.

In regards to my job as Richmond Health Officer, I would like to tell you that an informational kiosk has been setup in the lobby of the Town Office and has free handouts concerning a lot of different health information in it.



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**BOARD & COMMITTEE**

**OPENINGS**

**Economic & Community  
Development-Openings  
Planning Board-1 Alternate  
Cable TV Committee-2 Openings  
Budget Committee-1 Opening**

*If interested please submit a letter of interest to Judy Savage, Town Clerk at the Town Office at P.O. Box 159, 26 Gardiner Street, Richmond, ME 04357 or call 737-4305 ext. 202 for information.*

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:**

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- Business equipment
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## PULL OUT SECTION PAGES 9-12

### Richmond Holding Area 150 Lincoln Street

Effective: October 16, 2008

- ▷ Open every Saturday ~ Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- ▷ Open the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (of each month April thru November) ~ Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- ▷ **Winter Hours:** Open every Saturday (December – March) Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
(universal waste items accepted here for the winter) .

**\*\*Recycling Available\*\***

#### **REGULATIONS**

Only Richmond & Dresden residents & employees of the Town of Richmond may use the Holding Area. **"Dump Stickers" must be obtained annually (\$2.00/Resident - \$5.00/Non-Resident) to use the Holding Area.** These stickers may be purchased at the holding area or during regular business hours at the Town Office & placed in plain view on your vehicle's windshield. All fees listed in this handout are subject to change without notice.

It is a violation of Town Ordinance to deposit items in or near the Holding Area during non-operating hours without the prior approval of the Town Manager or his/her agent. **All items deposited in the Holding Area become the property of the Town of Richmond and cannot be removed without prior approval of the Richmond Board of Selectmen.** Employees of the Town of Richmond who are assigned as Holding Area supervisors have the final authority to accept or reject any item brought to the Holding Area.

Only the following items will be accepted at the Holding Area during the posted hours of operation:

1. **Acceptable Types of Waste:**

**Wood waste** – Processed wood, chipboard, plywood, wood furniture, lightly painted wood, clean demolition wood, and fiberboard. Nails, screws and staples are acceptable. Heavy door hinges, doorknobs, etc. must be removed prior to acceptance. This material shall be ground on site before transport to a properly licensed bio-mass fuel plant. **(no charge)**

**Brush and virgin wood** – No stumps or grubblings. No metal, no paint, no glues, etc. This may also be sold to bio-mass plants. **(no charge)**

**White goods** – Stoves, washing machines, clothes dryers, dish washers, hot water tanks, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc. Capacitors found in some household appliances will not be removed by Town personnel. Freon and other refrigerant gasses will be removed from refrigerators and freezers by a licensed contractor prior to their shipment off site. Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers before they can be unloaded at the facility. They shall be stored upright until the gasses have been removed. **(Refrigerators, Freezers & Air Conditioners - \$11; others no charge)**

**Metal goods** – Bikes, metal doors, window frames (with all glass removed), metal pipes, metal fencing, wire cables, tools, misc. scrap metal. All non-metallic materials shall be removed to extent possible before depositing metal at Holding Area. Oil and gas tanks and 55-gallon drums acceptable only if entirely dry, ventilated and cut open or otherwise made so they can't hold any

liquids. Old metal paint cans acceptable only if entirely empty of all liquids and crushed. Old lawn mowers and similar equipment acceptable only if all oil, gas and other fluids have been drained and plugs have been removed. VCR's, radios, microwaves & tape decks can be thrown in the metal pile.  
**(no charge) (no wire-chicken, fencing needs to be put in the Demolition Debris pile)**

**Brick, cured concrete and rock** – Items are accepted at the Public Works Garage at 19 High Street. **(no charge)**

**Oversized Construction Demolition Debris** – Mattresses, couches, overstuffed chairs, sofa beds, love seats, plastics (pipes, yard toys, siding, gutters), carpets and pads, fiberglass tubs/showers, truck caps. **(see price list)**

**Tires** – Passenger vehicle and similar sizes. No skidder or tractor tires accepted. Those with rims shall be stored separately from those without rims. **(see price list)**

2. **Recycling** – See attached flyer

3. **Unacceptable Wastes:** Unacceptable wastes are materials which would impair or disrupt Holding Area operations or which are prohibited by State regulations from being accepted at the holding area. The following are unacceptable wastes:

**Waste oil** – Take to Dresden Recycling Center or another State licensed waste oil burner.

**Car Batteries** – Take to NAPA Auto Parts Store @ 48 Main St. (or drop off to Bill @ the holding area)

**TV's, computers & monitors** – These items can be taken to the Universal Waste Building @ 17 High Street. **(Price list & hours attached)**

**Fluorescent light bulbs, PCB ballasts, mercury switches, mercury thermometers, other mercury containing products** – These items can be taken to the Universal Waste Building @ 17 High Street. **(Price list & hours attached)**

**Propane tanks** – (see price list on page 4)

**Demolition Debris** – Mixed building materials, windows, insulation, sheetrock, shingles heavily painted wood, formica, plastic sheeting, blue tarps, etc. Make arrangements with a licensed private hauler or contact Grimmel's @ 729-1691 (\$76 a ton) or Mid Maine Waste Action Corp (MMWAC) @ 783-8805 (\$90 a ton)

**Household hazardous wastes** – Small quantities of some products are allowed mixed in with your general household waste handled by your licensed private hauler.

**Junked and abandoned auto** – All junked automobiles and/or scrap auto parts shall only be transferred to a municipal licensed junkyard/recycling facility.

**Asbestos and asbestos containing wastes** – Note: Even as a homeowner, you may not remove or otherwise handle these products, including rigid asbestos transite siding/shingles. It is very important that you contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer (737-4305 ext. 205) for information on required State Department of Environmental Protection approval before removal.

**Household Solid Waste not otherwise permitted** – Richmond residents must make their own arrangements with a private hauler licensed to do business in Richmond. **D&PJ** (582-5237), **Kevin Smith** (737-8470), **Dick Rines** (582-3576), **Waste Management** (800-834-2080), **Pine Tree Waste** (442-7141 x102), **Riverside Disposal** (623-2577)

**Not accepted:** Contaminated soil, Any kind of liquid waste, Sewage treatment plant, paper mill or tannery waste, Dredge soils, Dead Animals, Medical and other Potentially infectious or pathogenic waste, Sand Blasting grit, Septage, Industrial Process wastes, Ashes ( hot or cold)

#### 4. Price List

**Bulky Goods:** Prices listed are "per item". Only those items listed below may be accepted:

a.	Sofa Beds/Couches	15.00
b.	Love Seats/Recliners/Chairs	10.00
c.	Mattress or Box Spring (any size)	10.00
d.	Auto Bucket Seat	10.00
e.	Auto Bench Seat	15.00
f.	Rugs & Pads (depending on size)	10.00 - 20.00
g.	Fiberglass - Truck Caps, Tubs & Showers	20.00
h.	Misc. (plastic yard toys, etc) (per piece - based on volume or weight)	3.00 - 15.00
i.	Pressure Treated Wood (up to 10 lbs. total weight)	5.00
	(for a pickup truck full (up to 200 lbs.)	up to 25.00
j.	Porcelain – Sinks, Toilet Bowls (with tanks)	5.00 (7.00)
K.	Wire (chicken, fencing)	4.00-10.00 (new)

**Refrigerators, Freezers & Air Conditioners** 11.00

**Tires** -- with rims (add \$1.00 per tire)

a.	15" or smaller	3.00
b.	15+" to 16.5"	4.00
c.	16.5+" or larger (Skidder & tractor tires not accepted)	6.00

**Propane & Gas Tanks**

a.	20 lb tank	5.00
b.	40 and 100 lb Tanks	10.00
c.	Automobile Gas Tanks	10.00 & up

**Universal Waste**

	Monitors & TV's	3.00
	Console TV's, Floor Model copiers, printers	5.00
	Desktop – Printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, Battery backup systems	2.00
	Computers (Processing towers & units), Laptops	1.00
	Computer peripherals – keyboards, mouse, speakers, etc	.25
	Flourescent bulbs (straight), 2' & 4' (8')	.25 (.50)
	Crushed lamps	1.00 lb
	U-Lamps, Circles & Compacts (HID Lamps)	.50 (1.00)
	Ballasts .25	
	Capacitors – any size	.50 lb
	Mercury Devices (including the weight of the container)	2.00 lb
	Transformers – quoted upon request	

*Remember, your trash is your responsibility. Illegal dumping of rubbish or any other solid or bulky waste is against the law & requires your neighbor to pick up the cleaning bill for you!!*

# Town of Richmond RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Richmond has significantly changed and expanded their recycling program. First, you will no longer be required to separate recyclables. All recyclable items may be mixed together and put into one container – no more sorting! We call this “Single Stream” Recycling. Secondly, the list of items we collect has expanded to include such things as paperboard and all types of plastic containers. The complete list of Single Stream items are detailed below.

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING “Recycling Made Simple”

### It ALL goes in together:

- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs
  - Telephone/Soft Cover Books
  - Direct Mail/Envelopes (all types)
  - Paper (all colors, staples/paperclips are okay)
  - Paperboard (cereal/shoe boxes)
  - Milk/Juice Cartons
  - Cardboard/Brown Paper Bags
  - Plastic Bottles and Containers Numbered #1 – 7
  - Soda/Juice/Water Bottles (glass or plastic)
  - Milk Jugs, Bleach/Detergent, Shampoo Bottles
  - Food Containers (cottage cheese/margarine/yogurt)
  - Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
  - Aluminum (pie plates/trays/foil)
  - Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)
- All Containers Need to be Clean and Non-Hazardous

### What NOT to include:

- No Plastic Bags\***, No Food Liners
- No Unmarked Plastics (laundry baskets/chairs/toys)
- No Window Glass/Mirrors/Light Bulbs
- No Dishes, No Pyrex, No Ceramics
- No Foam Packaging\*\*, No Styrofoam
- No Hazardous Material or Universal Waste
- No Recyclables Containing Food Waste

**\*Recycling bins for plastic bags are located at your local grocery store.**

**\*\*Foam packing materials can be taken to Mail-It-For-You.**



For more information on Single Stream Recycling, please contact your local Town Office at 737-4305 or a Customer Service Representative at Pine Tree Waste at 1-888-

## WORDS FROM THE LIBRARY

Fall is here and we are in the process of planning many events to help with our building fund and to keep you going during the long winter months. By the time this newsletter comes out we will have had our harvest book and bake sale. Thanks to all who cooked, carried books and volunteered in any way. The Halloween Festival will also be over and I hope you all had a great time and enjoyed the scarecrows featuring the faces of well known business and towns people. Many thanks to everyone who attended and to all who volunteered!

The volunteers held a meeting October 7th. It goes without saying that the library needs all the volunteers it can

get. We have a very special group but can always use more. If you are interested, please stop by the library for more information or call 737-2770. There are a variety of ways to help out.

Plans for the concert by Lynn Deeves to be held on November 15, 2008 have been completed. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. All proceeds will go to the library's building fund. Light refreshments will be sold by "The Garden of Eatin'". We are grateful to Lynn for this concert and look forward to hearing her and the band.

Our bottle drive is doing well and we want to thank Carol Smith and Roger and Barbara Gi-

rard for taking the bottles that were collected to the redemption center this month. If you have bottles to drop off, please place them in bags and leave next to the annex steps.

Most of us realize that a library has more than a dollar value. There is an intangible value such as the comfort one gets from reading a good book or the pleasure you receive from watching a funny video, or how about the joy you feel when someone compliments you on the cookies you baked from a recipe you got from the library cookbook. How would you like to know the dollar amount of your visit to the library? Go to <http://maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm> or google "Maine State Library Calculator". This site allows you to note and value books, magazines, CD's and videos you borrow from the library. You might be surprised at how valuable your library card really is!



### ANGEL VOLUNTEER AWARD BETTY HORNING

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### JUST A FEW NEW TITLES

The Heretic's Daughter; Lace Reader; Murder by Family; House at Sugar Beach; Change We can Believe In.

## LIBRARY AUCTION

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND  
AT THE RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
PREVIEW AT 3:00P.M. LIVE AUCTION AT  
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### 3RD ANNUAL TOWN TREE LIGHTING

Friday December 12, 2008

6:30p.m.



Fort Richmond Waterfront Park.  
For more information contact  
the Town Office at 737-4305 ext. 208  
or visit the Town's website at:  
[www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com)



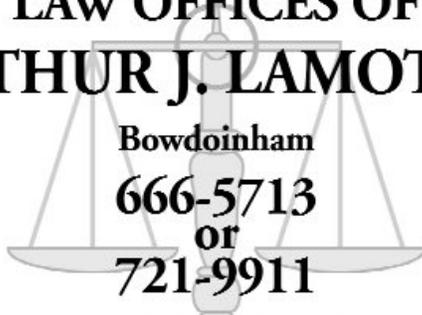
#### WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban from November 15th to April 15th from 11:00p.m. at night until 7:00a.m. in the morning. Regardless of weather conditions this will be strictly enforced.

#### RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS HELP

The Richmond Fire Department is in need of new members to join our team. No experience is necessary. Training and equipment will be provided. Firefighters meet every Monday at the fire station on Myrtle Street at 6:30p.m. For more information or to join, stop by the fire station to talk, or the town office for an application.

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**HARBORMASTER NEWS BY: JOHN MCMULLEN**

RICHMOND RESIDENT Chris Smith, right, is pictured here receiving a Harbor Master's Safe Boating Award recently from Richmond Harbor Master John McMullen, who said the purpose of the award is to recognize Smith for the example he sets with his safe boating practices on the Kennebec River and Richmond Harbor. "If all boaters followed Chris's safe practices, boating fatalities could be reduced in Maine."



**REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR DOG**

Don't forget your dogs need to be registered by January 31, 2009. The cost is \$6.00 for neutered and \$11.00 for non-neutered. Registering your dog can make it easier to reunite a canine with their owner should the dog get lost or run away. Dog licenses in some form have been required as far back as the late 1800's, for good reason. One, it shows for anyone who sees that tag on that dog that it is licensed and has had its rabies shot, and if there is a bite incident, they get to feel a little better right off that it has had its shots. A fine will be assessed for animals found not registered.

We will be having a rabies clinic in January for people whose animals need shots, look for the date and time in our January edition of the Mainely Richmond or call Judy Savage, Town Clerk at 737-4305 ext. 202 for more information.



The pies are baked, the turkey is dressed, family is on the way. Now it's time for you to relax - Join us Wednesday, November 26th, and delight in the many wonders you'll find at Keepsakes Cottage as you enjoy light refreshments and think Christmas gifting. If you can't join us Wednesday, help us kick off the Holiday season on the three-day Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Wed, Nov 26th: 4pm to 8pm  
 Fri, Nov 28th: 10am to 5pm  
 Sat, Nov 29th: 10am to 6pm  
 Sun, Nov 30th: 10am to 5pm

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## Richmond Area Health Center

### Get Walking to Achieve Good Health!

Winter walking is available at Marcia Buker School Monday thru Thursday 3-5pm when school is in session. Come on in the walking's great!

Richmond Area Health Center will be having an Open House on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7p.m. Meet our newest provider Karen

Guiou, FNP, Board Members, Providers and Staff. A flu clinic will be held at the same time for Patients of the Health Center. Please call 737-4359 to get more information. Refreshments will be provided.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> Richmond Area Health Center Walk in clinic will be expanding to include Fridays. The Walk in clinic will be held Monday thru

Friday, 7-8a.m. for Richmond Area Health Center patients only. Check in at 7a.m. to be seen for an acute problem, i.e. sore throat, earache, cough etc.... The clinic will be closed on Holidays.

Richmond Area Health Center is accepting new patients. Please call 737-4359 for more information or to make an appointment.

## RUD...Richmond Utilities District Update

Richmond Utilities District, with the help of the Town, has finished the sewer line replacement project on Bridge Street. The Town rebuilt the road after the sewer infrastructure was in place. The project significantly reduced the flows through the sewer system during the heavy rains we experienced in September.

The District has also completed several other projects that will reduce the public health threat when the District does experience sanitary sewer overflows. A new overflow structure was installed adjacent to the Front Street pump station. The overflow structure will meter overflows and channel them directly to the Kennebec River. Previously when an overflow would occur flows would run over the ground and down to the Swan Island landing. The District also

installed an overflow alarm light on the river side of the District's billing office. Anytime a sewer overflow occurs the light will remain on for 24 hours to alert people using the river of the potential health threat. The District also installed alarm horns at the Bridge Street pump station and the Baker Brook pump station. The alarms will sound anytime there is a problem at either of the stations.

All of these projects have been part of an Administrative Consent Agreement that the District has signed with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME DEP). As part of the Consent Agreement the District's engineer, Sevee & Maher has recommended that the District replace an additional 8,120 feet of sewer line. The District's goal is to stop all

overflows of sanitary sewerage. The District has sent a copy of the Sevee & Maher Inflow and Infiltration Master Plan of the District's collection system to ME DEP. The ME DEP will either approve or disapprove the study and set the schedule for the District to complete the work. The entire project is estimated to cost between 1.2 and 1.3 million dollars. The Town has agreed to help the District apply for Community Development Block Grants that could soften the blow to the rate payers. The District will also see if there are any other grants out there that we might qualify for. Depending on how much grant money is obtained, the District anticipates that the sewer rates will need to increase between 10% and 25% to complete the projects.

## Property Tax Information...

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.

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**

If taxes are not paid in full by the end of June, Notices of Intent to File a Lien go out. 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 work with you to enter in 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. 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 the recorded discharge back from the registry.

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## APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD & VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

You only need to apply once! The Homestead gives you \$13,000. of the valuation of your property for an approximate savings in taxes of \$143. The deadline for applying is April 1st. 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 and it must be your permanent place of residence and the only property for which your claiming. Summer camps, vacation homes and second residences do not qualify. To apply for Veterans Exemptions you must be 62 or older and a legal Maine Resident. Call 737-4305 ext 201 for more information or visit:

<http://www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/property/appsformspubs.htm>.

# SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

RICHMOND SENIOR CENTER \* 314 FRONT STREET \* 737-2161  
bpratt@richmondmaine.com

Open House was held on October 8th it was a huge success! We want to thank everyone who attended. Thank you as well to everyone who cooked for this event.

We enjoyed a foliage trip and lunch on October 11th. October 13th Colonel Patricia Luce Pratt spoke to the Seniors about the way the Army is today and what is being done for our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 11/5/08 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.-Blood Pressure Clinic at the Senior Center with RN Pam Lindvall from the Richmond Area Health Center. Open to the General Public.
- 11/8/08 8:00a.m. (Depart from Senior Center)-Join us for a pre-holiday shopping trip to the Fox Run Mall in New Hampshire. To make reservations please sign up at the Senior Center by November 3rd.
- 11/14/08 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.-Medication Collection, unused, unwanted, outdated household medications should be in their original containers with labels. Please no needles or thermometers.
- 11/15/08 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.-Veteran's Appreciation Day will be held at the Senior Center. We encourage all veterans from Richmond, Dresden, Bowdoinham and Bowdoin to attend. This celebration is to show our appreciation to all Veterans for their service to our country. Refreshments will be served. Please call the Senior Center if you plan to attend.
- 11/19/08 11:30a.m.-Pot Luck Dinner at the Senior Center, Please bring a dish to share with others. Game Day follows at 12:30p.m. All seniors welcome!

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 12/06/08 10:00a.m. (Departs from Senior Center) Cost \$12.00 Victoria Mansion Trip, lavishly decorated for the holidays by professional designers, decorators and florist, making this a festive time of year to plan a tour. Reservations must be made by November 24th, Sign up is at the Town Office, lunch will follow (location to be announced).
- 12/12/08 6:30p.m.-Richmonds Annual Tree Lighting at Fort Richmond Park-Once again the Senior Center is pleased to host a "warm your footsies hot chocolate and cookies" social during this enjoyable event.
- 12/17/08 11:30a.m. Our Annual Christmas Party-Pot Luck Dinner, please bring a dish to share with others. Gifts will be exchanged for those who choose to participate. Men should bring a gift suitable for a male; women should bring a gift suitable for a woman. Please be fair and keep your gift price below \$10.00. This is open to all Senior Citizens.

## SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

### DECEMBER AND JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 12/31/08 6:00p.m.-New Years Eve gathering for all Seniors-Weather permitting we will hold a New Years Social Evening. Please bring an appetizer type food. Don't stay home this year; come join us for an evening filled with fun and games.
- 1/19/08 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.-Quilting Classes with Janet Clement at the Senior Center.
- 1/21/08 11:30a.m. Pot Luck Dinner at the Senior Center-Please bring a dish to share with others. Game Day follows at 12:30p.m. All seniors are welcome!

**To ensure the safety of our seniors, no trips will be scheduled for January and February.**

### NEWS AND UPDATES

For events or activities that require payment, please do so at the Richmond Town Office by the deadline stated on the event. Reservations for trips and events with no charge can be made at the Senior Center at 314 Front Street. Payment is required at time of reservation.

Spectrum Generations offers a Money Management Program by trained, bonded and insured volunteers. For Seniors 60+ and/or disabled adults. They will sort your mail, organize bills, balance a checkbook, they write your checks to pay your bills and help you develop a budget. If you need this kind of assistance call 1-800-464-8703 or 207-623-0761.

We are currently helping with filing your LiHeap Applications for fuel assistance. Please call (737-2161) for an appointment.

We are reminding you to file your "Property and Rent Re-

fund with the State. Note: the maximum household income limits have been reduced. Nearly 200,000 Maine households qualify, you maybe one of them. Applications are available at the Senior Center.

Richmond Area Health Center and the Senior Center are sponsoring a free walking group at the Marcia Buker School. Walking will be Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00p.m., after the school day ends. If there is no school the walking program will be cancelled.

We are currently looking for unwanted cell phones that can be converted to 911 phones. If you have any please bring them to the Senior Center.

Richmond will soon be offering the "Good Morning Program" to all Seniors over 60 or disabled. The Good Morning Program, designed by a number of caring local organizations, provides a simple

and confidential daily telephone call-in system to ensure the safety and well being of older or disabled persons. For information call 737-2161 or 725-6621 or to volunteer call 729-0757.

### **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

Monthly Planning Meeting  
First Monday of the month at

9:30a.m.

Third Wednesday of each month at 11:30a.m.

Ladies Bridge Club

Thursdays-12:30 to 3:30p.m.

Game Day

Every Wednesday

12:30-Closing

Birthdays are celebrated once a month! We are currently looking for someone who would be interested in teaching seniors the art of Tote Painting.

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NOVEMBER 10TH  
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NOVEMBER 11TH  
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NOVEMBER 20TH  
OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 6P.M.

NOVEMBER 27-28TH CLOSED  
FOR THANKSGIVING

## Holding Area Winter Hours

December – March

Every Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (no Sunday hours)  
Universal Waste Items will be collected at the holding area instead  
of the Universal Waste Building @ 17 High Street  
(for the winter only)

## Recycling Tips

No hazardous Waste  
Plastic bags can be recycled at your grocery store  
Please break down cardboard to save space  
Styrofoam cups (#6) are not accepted

**See page 9-12 for more information & prices**

## **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 6TH**

AT THE RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE RHS DRAMA CLUB

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