

MARCH 2009



# MAINELY RICHMOND

## TOWN OF RICHMOND



### NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

The Town of Richmond has the following openings for the June Elections

BUDGET COMMITTEE:	2 OPENINGS/2 YEAR TERMS
SELECTMEN:	2 OPENINGS/ 3 YEAR TERM
	1 OPENING/1 YEAR TERM
TRUSTEES:	1 OPENING/ 3 YEAR TERM
UTILITIES DISTRICT:	1 OPENING/ 3 YEAR TERM

Nomination papers available **March 16, 2009** and must be returned to the Town Office by **April 24, 2009**.

Elections to be held **June 9, 2009** at the Richmond High School Gymnasium 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Absentee ballots to be opened at 8:00p.m.

### Special points of interest:

- *Nomination Papers!*
  - *Marketing Richmond*
  - *Sun Journal Feature*
  - *Upcoming Events*
  - *Meeting Calendar*
  - *Summer League*
- Sign-Up Sheet Inside back page).*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager, Thomas Fortier's last day was February 13, 2009. He served for two exceptional years in Richmond and we wish him well in Ogunquit.

As Interim Manager I plan to do my best through the budget season and process of securing a new Town Manager. Having a wealth of experience, the highly competent employees were the deciding factor for me in accepting this position. I thank the Board of Selectmen for having the confidence in me.

The Board of Selectmen along with the Budget Committee, have an enormous challenge before them. During these international economic hard times they must attempt to continue to provide the services you are accustomed to in town while keeping a reasonable tax rate and maintain an affordable budget.

20 years ago almost to the day I had the honor of serving as Interim Town Manager and today find myself here again, my hair may have been a different color, but it is good to help out in my own home town. —*Steve Musica*



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**TOWN OF RICHMOND**

*26 Gardiner Street*

*P.O. Box 159*

*Richmond, Maine 04357*

*(207) 737-4305*

***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*

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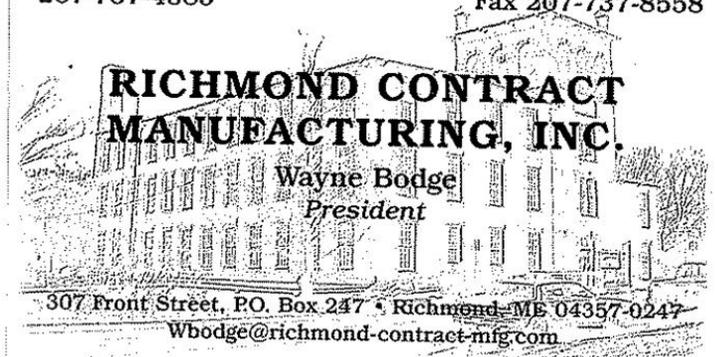


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# Economic & Community Development By: Darryl Sterling, Director

## MARKETING RICHMOND

*Pictured top right:* Richmond is featured in "Allure of the Coast-2009 Visitors Guide" 70,000 copies are distributed; also featured at the AAA Travel Show in Massachusetts.

*Pictured bottom right:* The business attraction ad featured in *MaineBiz* and the *Business Xpansion Journal*.

*Pictured on pages 4-5:* Richmond is featured in the February 22nd *Sun Journal*, Lewiston!

*Pictured on page 6:* Our new Richmond Brochure which targets use specific development and recession resistant companies while maintaining our quaint village quality of life.

The marketing materials were designed by the Richmond Economic and Community Development Office; a special thanks to Laurisa Loon. Visit: [www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com) to see our marketing materials in full color!

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Director serves on the Midcoast Council for Business Development & Planning (MCBDP) and the Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) Executive Committees. The Town submitted a CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant to DECD for Richmond Utilities District for \$500,000 for sewer line improvements; and a CDBG Economic Development Grant for \$200,000 for Micro Technologies Inc., for business expansion to create 7 - 10 new jobs. Richmond participates in the Regional Trails Initiative with Bowdoinham, Gardiner and Topsham. North Front Street Sidewalks Project Public Hearing will be held March 26, 2009 to inform citizens of project design and solicit comments. Construction is happening this summer. The 2009 River Front Grant Project is in the design and environmental review process for construction this summer. HAPPY SPRING!

Welcome to Maine's  
Merrymeeting Region  
RICHMOND, MAINE



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- Perfect Location-Central to Commuter Patterns
- Swan Island & Kennebec River
- Peacock Beach & Pleasant Pond
- Growing Commercial District-Shops, Restaurants
- Commercial, Industrial & Housing Opportunities
- Tax Incentive Programs
- Skilled and Ready Workforce
- Pine Tree Zone Benefits
- Easy Access - I-295, Exit 43 (Richmond)

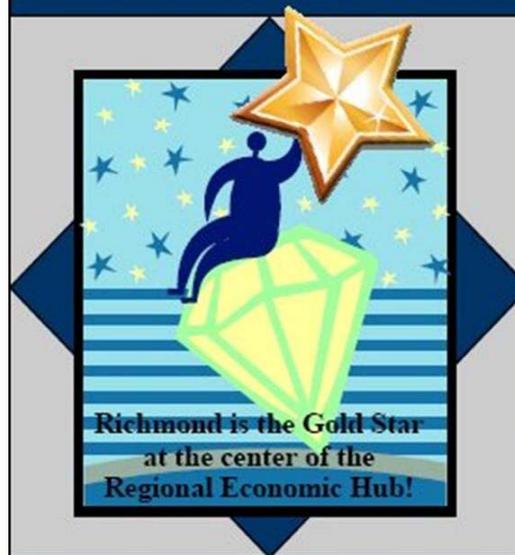
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## RICHMOND MAINE

### MERRYMEETING REGION

**ATTENTION BUSINESSES,  
DEVELOPERS & INVESTORS!!**

**Richmond Wants Use Specific Developments:  
Hotel/Motel, Pharmacy, Niche Market Stores and  
Recession Resistant Companies....**



**20 Miles  
to Augusta**

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to Lewiston  
& Auburn**

**18 Miles  
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Brunswick**

**42 Miles  
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# ROAD TRIP RICHMOND

## This former ship-building town offers great architecture and food, and beautiful Swan Island

Story and photos By H. Joie Crockett | Special to b-plus



### The Railway Café

64 Main St., 737-2277

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to satisfy your appetite. This cozy restaurant has a hometown welcome out for everyone, the atmosphere is very warm and friendly and I have to add they have some amazing homemade mini pies — pies small enough for two — that are a delight. A wonderful spot to relax and enjoy a great meal.



### The Old Goat Pub

33 Main St., 737-4628

This pub offers beer, wine, paninis (ask for the Ozvaldo) and entertainment on the weekends. A very welcoming and warm atmosphere where you can re-

lax and look out onto the Kennebec River. Or, if you are a fan of Glen Chadbourne's artwork, check it out hanging on the walls of the pub. A great spot to stop off after your hike on Swan Island.

### The Flower Spot

66 Main St., 737-8005

This flower shop has it all — fresh flowers, a small greenhouse with lush houseplants, cards and gifts. This is a small oasis in the middle of winter when the snow is blowing outside and you enter into a world filled with the wonderful scent of flowers. Stop in and buy a single flower or an armful.



### The Garden of Eatin'

324 Front St., 737-8880

This is a small local food store that has a small selection of produce and meats and also boasts freshly made baked goods that you will want to try, as well as sandwiches and food to go. Visit this unique little store and stock up on snacks to take on your Swan Island hike.



Richmond is known as the "small town with a big heart" and I found that statement to be true. The town sits on the banks of the Kennebec River, with Swan Island a stone's throw away from downtown. Richmond was bought from the Abenaki Indians in 1649 by Christopher Lawson. The town got its name from the first duke of Richmond (England), Ludovic Stewart, who was involved in the colonization of America. In 1719 Fort Richmond was built on the western banks of the Kennebec, and was dismantled in 1755 when other forts were built upriver. What many people don't know about Richmond is that in the 1800s it was a booming shipbuilding town, and during its peak years

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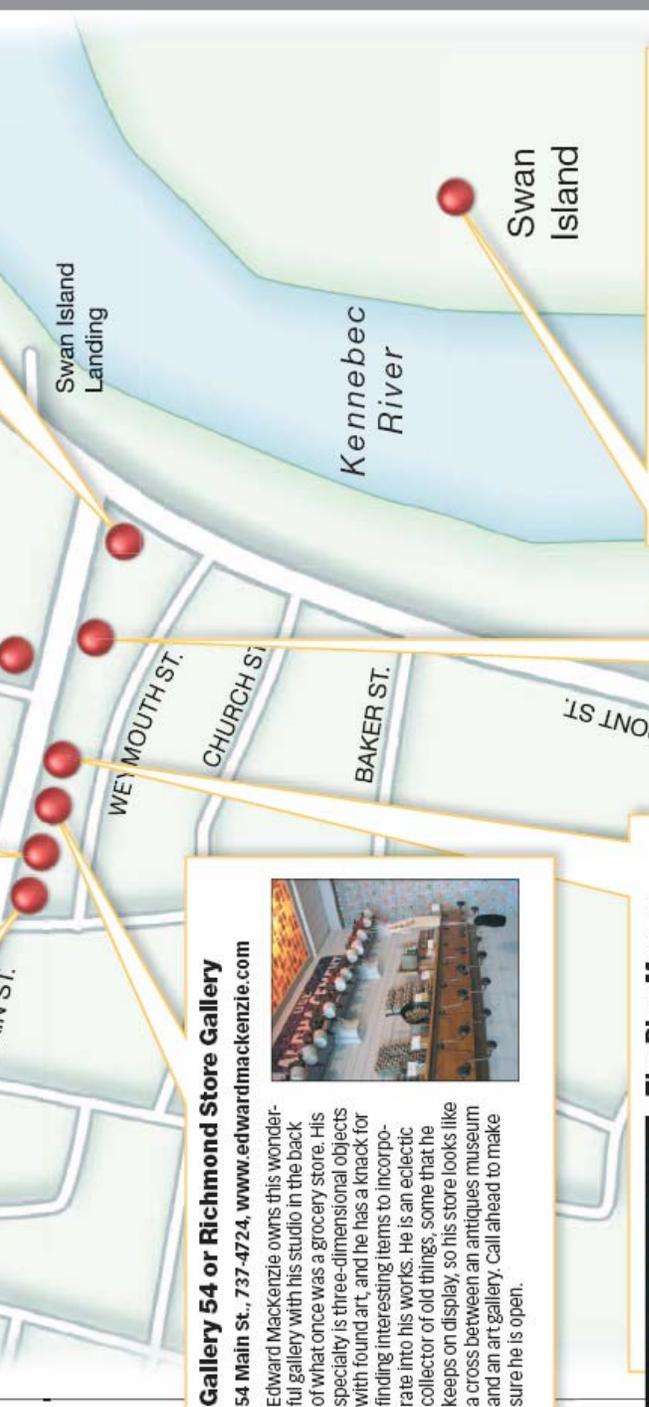
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the town had a wealth of Greek Revival architecture, which makes it a popular spot with tourists today.

Richmond, like a lot of other Maine towns, is sleepy in the winter, but come spring it wakes up with activity and storefronts once again opening for business. That is not to say that there are not plenty of eateries and places of interest now, so don't delay your visit.

But when the warm weather hits, make sure to visit Swan Island. Its natural offerings and four miles of trails are a large draw, but only 60 people are allowed on the island at a time, so be sure to call ahead and reserve your spot.

**My suggestion:** Take a hike on Swan Island and build up an appetite, then quench that hunger at one of the fine eateries in town.



**Gallery 54 or Richmond Store Gallery**

54 Main St., 737-4724, [www.edwardmackenzie.com](http://www.edwardmackenzie.com)



Edward Mackenzie owns this wonderful gallery with his studio in the back of what once was a grocery store. His specialty is three-dimensional objects with found art, and he has a knack for finding interesting items to incorporate into his works. He is an eclectic collector of old things, some that he keeps on display, so his store looks like a cross between an antiques museum and an art gallery. Call ahead to make sure he is open.

**The Blue Moose Emporium**

52 Main St., 737-4684

This is a local store that sells wonderful and interesting art and crafts. The store is seasonal so call ahead to be sure they are open. You'll find very colorful and whimsical art forms here with something to interest everyone. Make it a stop on your trip.



**Bakers Restaurant**

2 Main St., 737-4547

No, this is not a bakery, but a small and very good restaurant that caters to the breakfast crowd. Open from 7 to 11 a.m., get up early and stop in and have breakfast with the Bakers, the owners. Baker is a long-time restaurateur who used to have a fine eatery in Canada and once served the queen of England and Prince Phillip. Just ask Baker about it (and yes, the queen does still have a "taster").



**Swan Island**

547-5322, [www.richmondmaine.com/swan-island-info-richmond-maine.aspx](http://www.richmondmaine.com/swan-island-info-richmond-maine.aspx)

This island offers trails, picnicking sites and camping sites — with reservations you can stay up to two nights. The island is populated with deer and bald eagles, so bring your camera. If you go, call ahead for reservations and information.



**Have an idea?**

Have you taken a great road trip lately? If so, send your suggestions to [bmail@sunjournal.com](mailto:bmail@sunjournal.com).



# TOWN OF RICHMOND FEATURED BROCHURE



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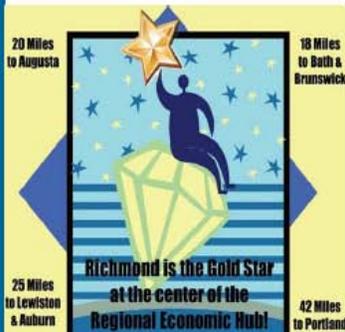
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Richmond wants use specific development:  
 Hotel/Motel, Pharmacy, Niche Market Stores and Recession Resistant Companies....



## MERRYMEETING REGION

### TOWN OF RICHMOND MAINE



**WHY DO SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES LIKE HODGDON YACHTS CHOOSE RICHMOND?**  
 Collaboration + Commercialization = Profitability  
 Location + Close Proximity = Competitive Advantages  
 Knowledge + Available Workforce = Access to Talent

**Outstanding  
 Quality of Life!**

## RICHMOND, MAINE 04357

### Welcome to Maine's Merrymeeting Region

The town of Richmond is made up of beautiful farms, Victorian and Greek revival homes and a growing vibrant village with a supportive community. Come and explore our historic sites and enjoy cultural and recreational opportunities.

#### Attractions:

- Swan Island & Kennebec River
- Peacock Beach & Pleasant Pond
- Growing Commercial District
- Housing Opportunities
- Tax Incentive Programs
- Skilled and Ready Workforce
- Pine Tree Zone Benefits
- Immediate access to I-295
- Commercial/Industrial properties available
- Superior Natural Resources



*If you're looking for a place to visit or call home, consider Richmond, Maine. We're blessed with unparalleled beauty, from the rolling hills that surround us to the timeless Kennebec River that defines our downtown and flows into Merrymeeting Bay and the ocean just minutes away.*



## Town of Richmond, Maine...Office of Economic & Community Development-Darryl Sterling, Director

**DEMOGRAPHICS** Population: 3,750 Population within 30 mile radius: 350,000

#### MAJOR ECONOMIC CLUSTERS:

Composites & advanced materials, precision manufacturing, environmental & energy technologies, specialty foods & agriculture, marine & aqua culture, arts and culture....

#### MAJOR AREA INDUSTRY:

Service, manufacturing, light industrial, tourism and recreation.

#### LARGEST EMPLOYERS:

Bath Iron Works-Bath; State of Maine-Augusta; LL Bean-Freeport; Newman Concrete Services-Richmond; Richmond School District-Richmond; Hodgdon Yacht Interiors, Inc. - Richmond

#### POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Bowdoin College-Brunswick; Bates College-Lewiston; University of Maine-Augusta; Central Maine Community College-Auburn; Southern Maine Community College-Bath; Southern New Hampshire University-Brunswick. All located within 30 miles of Richmond.

#### MILEAGE TO NEAREST PORT CITY:

18 Miles to Bath; 42 miles to Portland

#### DISTANCE TO AIRPORTS:

20 Miles to Augusta; 45 miles to Portland

**INCENTIVES:** Public/private partnerships to move business forward, Marketing Support, Revolving Loan Funds, Business Assistance Grants, Pine Tree Zone Benefits, Infrastructure Grants, Tax Increment Financing, Technical Assistance, Military Redevelopment Zone Benefits, Coordination of Resources.

#### RICHMOND COMMUNITY FIT:

Skilled and ready work force, education and training support, great housing opportunities, perfect geographic location central to commuter patterns, superior natural resources-Outstanding quality of life!

#### RICHMOND PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIVES:

Maine Department of Economic & Community Development, Maine Department of Labor, Maine Technology Institute, North Star Alliance, MidCoast Council for Business Development & Planning and many others....



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**Pictured: Governor Bolduc, Darryl Sterling, Commissioner Richardson  
 RICHMOND RECEIVES \$333,000 RIVERFRONT GRANT!**



**RICHMOND RECEIVES \$500,000 CDBG GRANT!**



**HODGDON INTERIORS, INC. RIBBON CEREMONY!**

### WELCOME NEW & EXPANDING BUSINESSES!

Newman Concrete Services, Hodgdon Interiors, Shucks Maine Lobster, The Old Goat and The Garden of Eatin'

**THANKS FOR THE  
 NEW JOBS!  
 MORE COMING....**

#### 2008 & 2009 ACTIVITIES

- Secured \$333,000. Riverfront Community Development Bond Grant.
- Secured \$500,000. CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant for Streetscapes, streetlights, parking, sidewalks and park improvements.
- Secured \$400,000. CDBG Business Assistance Grant for Hodgdon Yachts, Inc creating 60 new jobs in Richmond.

#### 2006 & 2007 ACTIVITIES

- Secured \$150,000. CDBG Community Enterprise Grant for Business Facades and Streetscapes.
- Secured \$420,000. CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant.

## RSU #2 REVIEW

Richmond, Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth

*Our number one goal is improving the education of children.*

RSU #2 conducted their first official meeting on Dec. 9, 2008. O'Neil LaPlante was elected Board Chair and Jim Grandahl was elected Vice Chair. Other members of the Board of Directors are: Joan Drappeau, Dawn Gallagher, Gary Getchell, Rich Howard, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Sarah McNaughton, Cory Munsey, Mark Pearson and Tracey Woodman. Don Siviski was hired as the Interim Superintendent until June 2009 and will be hired as official Superintendent of the RSU #2 until 2011 pending contract negotiation and approval of the Board.

The Board would like to keep the communities informed of the progress being made. We want folks to know that all minutes, meeting times and places, and agenda's are posted on our website: [www.kidsrsu.org](http://www.kidsrsu.org). We also realize that not everybody uses or has a computer so we will be sending out Review's, such as this one, periodically.

The Policy & Personnel subcommittee has been working on getting RSU policies in place, reviewing job descriptions to accommodate the RSU positions and Central Office administrative roles.

The Buildings & Grounds/ Food Services/Transportation subcommittee has Joan Drappeau and Sarah McNaughton focusing on Food Services, Jon Lambert and Rich Howard focusing on Transportation and Mark

Pearson and Rich Howard focusing on Buildings and Grounds.

Within these areas of focus for B&G are an Operations and Maintenance budget for 'life safety' concerns, researching State and Federal assistance that is or may become available, and the process of deed and title transfer. Food Services have gathered data in relation to district budget, year end balances, food production, subsidy rates and technological accounts. The Transportation Committee has begun initial review of all district transportation processes for immediate and long-term efficiencies. All areas have completed job descriptions for positions within the RSU.

Finance and Budgeting has worked on a calendar to include public meetings prior to the public hearing and budget voting on warrant articles. Currently, they are preparing for budget information from each school unit so they can merge the data into one RSU budget. They will be busy with this process after March 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, the Finance & Budget subcommittee will accept the responsibility of overseeing technology expenditures and programming, and review current services and practices.

The RSU Administrative Team has been awarded a \$5000 Dept of Ed planning grant to create a short and long range strategic plan for improved student achievement. We also recently

received notification that the RSU will be eligible to apply for a grant up to \$25,000 to help with the acquisition of business software and computer hardware to unify all financial functions and accounting procedures.

By the beginning of the school year in September, all RSU #2 staff will have been trained and schools will be operational with Infinite Campus, which is a comprehensive student information system with parental access of student academic and behavior activities. This service has been provided to all districts in Maine by the Dept of Ed.

Legislators Sen. Earle McCormick(R), Sen. Seth Goodall (D), Rep. Sharon Treat (D), and Rep. Les Fossil (R) recently attended a Board meeting to discuss concerns regarding Budget Validation Referendum, start-up costs assistance, status of Funding Stream for Economic Stimulus allocation, and how RSU #2 can be helpful to the Legislators. We are all committed to working together in these and other areas of the education process.

It is our intent to encourage people to get involved, attend meetings, ask questions, add the website to "Favorites" and visit it often.

# March 2009

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29	30	31				

## Schedule of Events for March

- 3-2-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 3-3-09 CDBG 6:00p.m.
- 3-7-09 Holding Area 9:00-1:00p.m.
- 3-8-09 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-9-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 3-11-09 Richmond Days 5:00p.m.
- 3-12-09 Selectmen 6:30p.m.
- 3-14-09 Holding Area 9:00-1:00p.m.
- 3-16-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 3-17-09 St. Patrick's Day!
- 3-17-09 Planning Board 6:00p.m.
- 3-19-09 Appeals Board 7:00p.m.
- 3-20-09 First Day of Spring
- 3-21-09 Holding Area 9:00-1:00p.m.
- 3-23-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 3-26-09 Selectmen 6:30p.m.
- 3-28-09 Holding Area 9:00-1:00p.m.
- 3-30-09 Waterfront Comm. 6:00p.m.

## Schedule of Events for April

- 4-4-09 Holding Area 9:00-3:00p.m.
- 4-5-09 Holding Area 9:00-3:00p.m.
- 4-6-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 4-7-09 CDBG 6:00p.m.
- 4-9-09 Selectmen 6:30p.m.
- 4-11-09 Holding Area 9:00-3:00p.m.
- 4-13-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 4-18-09 Holding Area 9:00-3:00p.m.
- 4-20-09 Town Office Closed
- 4-23-09 Selectmen 6:30p.m.
- 4-25-09 Holding Area 9:00-3:00p.m.
- 4-27-09 Fire Department 6:30p.m.
- 4-28-09 Planning Board 6:00p.m.

# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*The Richmond Senior Citizens Group has two gentlemen available for odd jobs. For more information please contact Connie Smith at 737-2620.*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## FOOD BUILDING PROJECT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST**

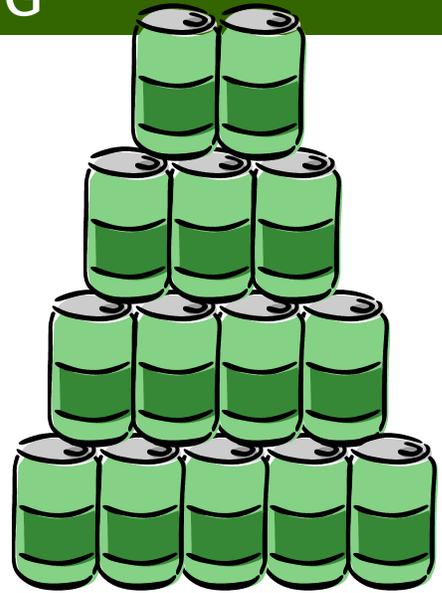
**9:00A.M.-3:00P.M.**

**ENTERPRISE**

**GRANGE HALL**

Gather a team and participate by building a structure with cans and packages of food provided by you. The

best structure will be judged by the public. Katie's Bakery will be on site thru the day selling coffee, tea and sweets. All proceeds to benefit the Richmond Food Bank. The structure will need to be completed by 1:00p.m. For more information contact Jodi Booth at 737-4615 . Please register ahead of time to guarantee your spot!



## RICHMOND DAYS BENEFIT AUCTION



**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**

**PREVIEW AT: 6:00P.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION: 7:00P.M. UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD GOAT**

**LIVE AUCTION: 8:00P.M. DOWNSTAIRS AT THE OLD GOAT**

We hope to raise \$5,000. to help meet the Richmond Days Budget. We welcome quality items or services. For more information please contact Charlie Ipcar or Judy Barrows (evenings) at 737-2187 or email at [ipbar@gwi.net](mailto:ipbar@gwi.net)

Donations to the auction may be considered a charitable contribution for their winning bid value.

## "PICNIC IN THE PARK

**TENATIVE DATE: MAY 16, 2009**



**POLICE VS. FIRE**

**BASEBALL SHOWDOWN**

Join us to celebrate the official opening of Lane Field and enjoy a baseball showdown. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter and on our website at:

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

## THIS SPRING!"



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 207-443-3800 Dawn Wallace - Proprietor

# SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

Richmond Senior Center \* 314 Front Street \* 737-2161



## MARCH ACTIVITIES

**3-04-09** Maine Farmshare Program-Sign up at your local participating farmer(s). Call Senior Spectrum at 1-877-353-3771 after March 4th for further information.

**3-11-09** 11:30a.m. Corn beef and cabbage dinner-\$4.00 Shepherd of Faith Church.

**3-14-09** The Portland Flower Show. "From the Mountains to the Sea." Admission is \$12.00, Sign up and pay for the trip at the Town Office. Bus leaves the Center at 8:45a.m.

**3-16-09** 2:00p.m. "Eggs Beautiful"-How to make Ukrainian Eggs, Instructor-Artist Olga Pastuchiv, sign up at the senior center.

**3-17-09** 10:30a.m. "The Health and Stress Workshop"-Dr. James LaVallee from LaVallee Chiropractic and Family Wellness.

**3-21-09** Maple Syrup Breakfast at Jillsons Sugar House. Return home after breakfast. Cost \$10.00 for an all you can eat buffet. Sign up at the Town Office. Bus departs from the center at 8:30a.m.

**3-24-09** 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. AARP Safe Driving Class. Cost \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. Sheriff Pete Lamarre will be teaching the class. Save up to 10% on your auto insurance upon completion of this class and that discount is good for three years. Coffee and snacks will be served. Sign up at the town office or call the Senior Center at 737-2161.

**3-25-09** 11:30-12:30p.m.-Blood Pressure Clinic with Pam Lindvall RN from the Richmond Area Health Center-General Public Welcome!

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

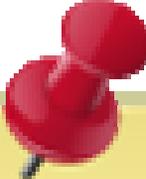
**4-1-09** 10:30a.m. Suzanne Plourde RN from Kindred Healthcare will be at the center to speak on "Talking with your Doctor."

**4-13-09 & 4-28-09** "Down Memory Lane" with the Marcia Buker students. If you are interested in sharing some history with the students we welcome you. This is a wonderful experience for both the students and the seniors. We are looking forward to sharing your memories and experiences with the third grade students.

**4-15-09** 11:30a.m. Pot Luck Dinner, bring a dish to share!

**4-16-09** 7:00p.m. Showtime-Sawyer Foundation in Greene Maine-Downeastern Chorus, leaving the center at 6:00p.m.

**4-21-09** 6:30p.m. Welcome Spring! Join us for an Ice Cream Social and an evening of reminiscing. Bring a photo of yourself of years passed and any other interesting memorabilia.



### Beginning in April!

**Every Monday** come down and play cribbage from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

**Every Tuesday** "Crafty Friends" from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Come down and work on a craft project with friends there is ample space and tables available.

# SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS



## MAY ACTIVITIES

**5-2-09** 9:00a.m. Wilburs of Maine Chocolate Confections. Join us on a tour of the Freeport factory. There will be samples to taste and a retail store for purchases. Lunch in Freeport. The bus will leave the center at 9:00a.m.-Sign up at the senior center.

**5-6-09** 10:30a.m. Nutritionist Eric Thoreson from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will be presenting a program on the many aspects of shopping, preparing and cooking health foods with a focus on ways to make eating more fun and economically affordable.

**5-13-09** Hollywood Slots or Bangor Mall-Leave the center at 8:30a.m., departure from Hollywood Slots at 4:30p.m. Cost \$25.00 includes transportation, buffet and \$5.00 slot play! Contact Buelah Dube at 737-8734 for further information.

**5-20-09** 9:00a.m. Merrymeeting Bay Triad of Sagadahoc County will hold their monthly meeting at the center, join us to find out all the services they have to offer.

**5-20-09** 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m.-Blood Pressure Clinic with Pam Lindvall RN from the Richmond Area Health Center. General public welcome.

**5-27-09** 11:30a.m. Pot Luck Dinner-A celebration of Mother and Father's Day, bring a dish to share with others.

## JUNE ACTIVITIES

**6-12-09** 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.-Medication Collection Day, unused, unwanted, outdated household, veterinarian medications should be in their original containers with labels. Free 911 emergency phones will be passed out.

**6-20-09** Mystery Ride-Cost: Donation, Departing the center at 9:30a.m., we will be having lunch in the area of the mystery event. Come with us for a history lesson, a fun filled day for everyone, sign up at the senior center.

**6-28-09** 1:00-5:00p.m. Our Annual Picnic held at the senior center, hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with others. Social time follows the picnic, this is open to all seniors so please join us for a fun filled day. Sign up at the center.

Game Day –Every Wednesday at 12:00p.m.

Planning Meeting-The first Monday of every month 9:30a.m.

Crafty Friends-Every Tuesday from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Cribbage-Every Monday from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Ladies Bridge Club-Every Thursday at 12:30p.m.

Indoor walking every day from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. at the Marcia Buker

Pot Luck Dinners on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30a.m.

### BRIDGE HIGH SCORES

DECEMBER

**BARBARA GRAY**

JANUARY

**BEULAH DUBE &**

**PAT MACNEILL**

FEBRUARY

**CECELIA ATWOOD**

## TOWN OFFICE REMINDERS

- Applications for Homestead Exemption and Veteran Exemption must be on file before **April 1, 2009**. Questions call 737-4305 ext. 201
- April 1st is the assessment date of your property taxes.
- The second half of property taxes are due May 10, 2009
- 30 Day notices go out in June for unpaid taxes and liens are issued in July.

**Holding Area Winter Hours for March:**  
Every Saturday 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. (no Sunday Hours)

**April:** Every Saturday 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. and the first Sunday of the month 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. As always the transfer station is your one stop shop: Universal Waste drop off, Single Sort Recycling, etc..

**Visit:** [www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com) or call the town office at 737-4305 for more information.

## Notes on the Town Manager and Upcoming Town Meeting

The Selectboard, with disappointment and understanding, recently accepted Town Manager Tom Fortier's resignation. Tom has been hired by the Town of Ogunquit after serving two years as Richmond's manager. Tom will be missed due to his hard work, personality and accomplishments while at the helm of our community. The board wishes Tom and his family well as he begins in his new role in Ogunquit.

In order to continue the progress being made at the municipal level, the Selectboard hired Richmond resident Steve Musica as Interim Town Manager on a part-time basis until the position is permanently filled. Steve brings a career of municipal service to the position, serving formerly as manager in Litchfield and Readfield.

At the time of this newsletter, the Selectboard is reviewing applications and scheduling interviews for candidates. The board is focused on hiring a professional, well-qualified candidate in a timely manner.

In addition to filling a large municipal vacancy, the Selectboard has recently completed the majority of work on next year's budget. Like all levels of government, Richmond is facing declining revenues and challenging budgetary decisions. The board is working closely with the Budget Committee to present an affordable budget to the voters at the annual town meeting. In order to combat declines in revenues, both boards have been focused on finding efficiencies, while making wise and affordable investments in our infrastructure and programs, such as our roads, fire department and recycling program.

This year's town meeting will be different. We will not be voting on the Richmond school budget, since we have joined Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell and Monmouth in the new Regionalized School Unit (RSU) #2. The RSU will have its own budget process and meeting, similar to a town meeting, in a centralized location. This process will soon be announced by the RSU board. Visit [www.kidsrsu.org](http://www.kidsrsu.org) for more information.

The Land Use Ordinance Committee has also been working to present recommended ordinance changes at the town meeting that cover shore-land zoning, mobile homes, signs and technical changes for clarification and interpretation purposes. In the upcoming months and prior to town meeting, the Committee will be presenting its recommendations to the Planning Board, Selectboard and the public. —*Seth Goodall*

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## RICHMOND UTILITIES DISTRICT

The Richmond Utilities District would like to thank all of those who were able to get out and vote on the special Town Referendum on February 11th. There was a strong show of support and the District's debt limit was successfully raised. We will be moving forward in the next couple of months with work scheduled for this summer. The

projects design work has begun and we hope to go out to bid this spring. The District has applied for Economic Stimulus monies; a U.S. Department of Agriculture Grant/Loan; and the Town, on behalf of the District, has applied for a \$500,000 infrastructure grant. The District is also on the State of Maine Drinking Water's primary list

to receive stimulus money to install a redundant water supply next to our current well. The backup well will give us increased yield and a back up supply when the current well is taken off line for maintenance or service.



## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN "RICHMOND SUMMER LEAGUE"



The Richmond Summer League would like to thank all of the parents, coaches, snack shack

helpers, sponsors, umpires and any other volunteers for their past support of our softball and baseball programs. Without your support and dedication we could have never completed another successful season. This year we will again ask for volunteers to step forward as we work to build and improve our facilities and our organization. Many of our board members

will be retiring over the next few years, as our children are grown and are entering Middle School Activities. These positions will need to be filled in order to ensure the future of this program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact one of the current board members listed below. Without committed volunteers this program cannot survive.

Thank you,

Richmond Summer League Board Members

## SIGN UP DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2009

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN IT, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:  
(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RICHMOND SUMMER LEAGUE)

<p>RON EMMONS VICE-PRESIDENT 616 MAIN STREET RICHMOND, ME 04357</p>		<p>GAYE MARTIN TREASURER 65 MAIN STREET RICHMOND, ME 04357</p>
<p>SHANNON TRIBBET COUNSEL MEMBER 44 WATER STREET RICHMOND, ME 04357</p>	<p>LEE HETLAND COUNSEL MEMBER 20 HATCH STREET RICHMOND, ME 04357</p>	<p>JEFF PAYSON COUNSEL MEMBER 98 BRUNSWICK ROAD RICHMOND, ME 04357</p>

# RICHMOND SUMMER LEAGUE

## SIGN UP FORM FEES

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP IS NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2009.**  
**ANY LATE SIGN UPS ARE SUBJECT TO SPACE AVAILABILITY AND A \$10.00 LATE FEE**  
**(ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TOWN OFFICE)**

T-Ball: \$25.00 Per Child	Softball: \$30 Per Child	Baseball: \$35 Per Child	Family Rate: \$75 (3 or more)
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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES TO ONE OF THE RICHMOND SUMMER LEAGUE MEMBERS LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE,

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **RICHMOND SUMMER LEAGUE**. THANK-YOU

T-BALL (BOYS & GIRLS) AGES 5 & 6 (Must turn 5 before May 1st to qualify) <input type="checkbox"/>	FARM LEAGUE (GIRLS) AGES 10 & UNDER <input type="checkbox"/>	GIRLS SOFTBALL AGES 13 & UNDER <input type="checkbox"/>	FARM LEAGUE (BOYS) AGES 7 TO 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	BOYS MINOR AGES 12 & UNDER <input type="checkbox"/>	BOYS MAJOR AGES 12 & UNDER <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>PART 1 : CHILD'S INFORMATION</b>						Answer All Questions Accurately and Completely.					
FIRST NAME			MI	LAST NAME			DATE OF BIRTH				
HOME ADDRESS				CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>				

<b>PART 2 : MOM'S INFORMATION</b>								TELEPHONE				
FIRST NAME			MI	LAST NAME			HOME					
							WORK					
							CELL					
PLEASE CHECK ANY BOX YOU HAVE INTEREST IN HELPING		COACHING	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSIST. COACH	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONCESSIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	UMPIRING	<input type="checkbox"/>	COUNSEL MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>PART 3 : DAD'S INFORMATION</b>								TELEPHONE				
FIRST NAME			MI	LAST NAME			HOME					
							WORK					
							CELL					
PLEASE CHECK ANY BOX YOU HAVE INTEREST IN HELPING		COACHING	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSIST. COACH	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONCESSIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	UMPIRING	<input type="checkbox"/>	COUNSEL MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>PART 4 : EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION</b>								TELEPHONE NUMBERS			
FIRST NAME			MI	LAST NAME			HOME				
							WORK				
							CELL				

SHIRT SIZE:	YOUTH SMALL (6-8) 22-24 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH MEDIUM (10-12) 26-28 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH LARGE (14-16) 30-32 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH X-LARGE (16-18) <input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT SMALL 34-36 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT MEDIUM 38-40 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT LARGE 42-44 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT X-LARGE 46-48 chest <input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT XX-LARGE 50-52 chest <input type="checkbox"/>
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As a parent/guardian, I give my child permission to participate in the Richmond Summer League. I realize that I must provide my own health/accident insurance for the injuries that the participant child may sustain while participating in this program. In my absence I give the coach permission to obtain whatever medical treatment may be necessary in the event of an injury. I am aware that the Town of Richmond is not obligated to provide medical insurance to cover such injuries.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE:
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<b>FOR LEAGUE USE ONLY</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH	<input type="checkbox"/> TOWN ASSIST	RECEIVED BY: _____	DATE: _____

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