

MAINELY RICHMOND



Town Budget Process: By Town Manager Marian Anderson

It's official - the 2014/2015 budget season has begun. Each year's budget development takes a considerable amount of the Manager's, Selectboard and Budget Committee's time. The budget process begins in September and concludes with the adoption of the budget at Town Meeting. The 2014 Town Meeting will be June 3, 2014 at the Marcia Buker Elementary School beginning at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendar. Last year 122 registered voters attended the annual Town Meeting. Only seven registered voters approved the RSU#2 local school budget. Let's make it our goal to increase participation in 2014!

2013 Budget Facts

The 2013 budget process ended with the tax rate for the fiscal year (FY) 2014 increasing from \$17.10 per thousand dollar of property value to \$18.10.

	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Taxable valuation	\$ 265,892,112	\$266,414,143	+ \$522,031
Sagadahoc County Tax	\$ 457,255	\$ 498,756	+ \$41,501
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 2,169,046	\$ 2,167,005	- \$ 2,041
Pipeline & Downtown TIF	\$ 245,000	\$259,327	+ \$ 14,327
School/Education	\$ 2,457,609	\$ 2,654,681	+ \$197,072

2013 Revenues

The State Legislature voted to reduce Richmond's 2013 revenue-sharing money by \$50,128.00. Other state revenues received by the town have been reduced by \$16,800.00. These funds owed to YOU, the property taxpayers, were reallocated to pay state bills. The state adopts its budget every two years. We know that once again, even more revenues intended for property taxpayers will be used to pay state bills in 2014.

Your Invitation From Town Manager Marian Anderson

TEAM: "Together Everyone Achieves More"

Your town leadership team has a desire to hear from you! What's important to you? How can we best provide opportunities for your feedback during the budget process and give you the voice that will help leadership understand you, share information with you and communicate effectively with you?

Town leaders and staff will work hard to present a responsible budget. As we approach the

2014/2015 budget preparations, it is likely that your leaders will be forced to make decisions that may require the elimination of valued services in order to minimize future property tax increases. Each of you has your preference for services you desire and are willing to pay for. The upcoming fiscal challenges will not be resolved without your active positive participation. Please join me in these discussions; I look forward to seeing you!

Budget Committee members: David Guilmette-Chairman, Frederic Browne-Vice Chairman, Kimberly Valek-Molnar-Secretary, Cynthia Dowd and O'Neil Laplante.

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

www.richmondmaine.com

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

737-4423

January Meetings:

1/8-Selectmen 6:00p.m.

1/13-Budget 6:00p.m.

1/22-Selectmen 6:00p.m.

1/27-Budget 6:00p.m.

2/5-Selectmen 5:00p.m.

2/10-Budget 6:00p.m.

2/19-Selectmen 6:00p.m.

Check our website:

www.richmondmaine.com
and the town meeting kiosk
for meeting dates.

Code Enforcement Update

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but that time also brings the snow. Here are some tips and reminders for all of us to have a safe winter season.

The face of our mailboxes should be one foot back from the edge of the shoulder of all paved and gravel roads. The height of the mailbox should be between 41 inches and 45 inches above the surface of the shoulder.

If your mailbox is located on your home, please try to keep a clear path for local postmen and women.

During any storm, town residents are allowed two five gallon buckets of sand per storm located at the Public Works garage.

I hope this goes without saying but please be careful on the roads, take your time and watch out for other drivers.

Building Permits

Joshua Gibbs	101 Stable Rd	R01-065-01	26 x 32 Colonial
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Linda Duplessis	776 Brunswick Rd	U13-004-03	8 x 10 Lean To
Mike Murphy	83 Main St	R01-013-01	38 x 48 Pole Barn
Richard Becker	10 Hagar St	U01-059-00	Demolition of Barn 30 x 40
Linda Leonard	362 Langdon Rd	R02-050-00	Demo and Addition 21 x 8
Peter Deraps	769 Brunswick Rd	R04-037-03	14 x 65 Mobile Home
Gary Nash	8 Darrah St	U02-181-00	Remove 15 x 34 Room
Patricia Watts	6 Alexander Reed Rd	U02-142-00	7 x 12 Shed
John Wilson	41 Hatch Street	R01-043-038	8 x 4 Sign
Todd Langhill	21 Main St	U02-003-00	3 x 4 Sign
Ryan Theriault	8 Alexander Reed Rd	U02-143	12 x 28 Shed
John and Pat Walsh	25 Lilac Lane	R02-005	10 x 20 Carport
Patricia Watts	6 Alexander Reed Rd	U02-142-00	8 x 12 shed

Plumbing Permits

Michael Meager	56 Mitchell Rd	Septic tank replacement	
Hallmark Homes	101 Stable Rd	Septic	3 Bedroom
Chad Pickett/HH	101 Stable Rd	Hook up	To modular home
Peter Derap	769 Brunswick Rd	Septic	3 Bedroom
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James Peacock	15 Spruce St	Bathroom	Food Pantry
Chuck McClellan	382 Front St	Pipe replacement	To public sewer

News from the Umberhine Library

The new library building is due to be completed by March 2014. Stay tuned for news about a Grand Re-opening! The Town would like to thank the Maine Charity Foundation Fund for their award of \$5,000 towards new library shelving and the Davis Foundation for their award of \$5,590 for Young Adult Room furniture! Town staff continues to submit grant proposals to various foundations for interior furnishings and shelving.



The Umberhine Library is still very much in operation in their current location at 164 Main Street.

The Richmond Public Works Department has committed 152 hours towards the library project as of January 1st. The overall amount budgeted for the library project is \$249,204.

Library Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10-8

Wednesday: 9-2

Story Hour: 9:30-10:30

Thursday: 2-8

Saturday: 9-12

Sunday: Closed

Planning	\$0.00	\$ 128.25
Preparation	\$0.00	
Architectural Drawings	\$6,500.00	\$ 7,736.00
Planning Board Approval	\$0.00	
Building Permit	\$0.00	
Site Prep-Blasting	\$8,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Site Prep-Town	\$6,000.00	\$ 611.39
Foundation	\$18,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Sand move to site work		\$ 2,370.00
Framing	\$56,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
Materials	\$39,000.00	\$ 46,051.45
Roof	\$10,500.00	\$ 10,875.00
Electrical Work	\$27,000.00	\$ 16,666.66
Fire Alarm System	\$5,304.00	\$ 1,591.20
Heat/Hot Water	\$14,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Plumbing	\$7,400.00	\$ 6,220.70
Stewart Plumbing/Heating	\$12,600.00	\$ 8,600.00
K & G		\$ 38.02
Flooring	\$7,500.00	
Circulation Desk	\$3,500.00	
Landscaping	\$1,500.00	
Interior Furnishings	\$5,000.00	
Heated Steps	\$8,900.00	
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$ 4834.41
Rentals	\$2,500.00	\$ 1510.07
	\$249,204.00	\$191,733.15

We are asking all of our patrons to please try to get your material back on time. Even with calling and sending letters, the items are still not coming back. We have renewed countless times for everyone, and we have stopped doing this. So please find your books and get them back to us. We would like to have as many items back as we can before we start packing. Remember, you may not take out other items if you owe a fine.

The new Library is looking fabulous! Thank you to all the people who have worked on the building and grounds. You've done a marvelous job. Also thank you for all of the donations that have come in and the support of everyone. What a marvelous little town we live in! We are very excited about the new circulation desk that Gary Poulin & Marjorie Bond Poulin are building for us. It's going to be gorgeous.

Our Story Hour is still a happening on Wednesday morning. We have on average about 17 children each week. Some weeks it's only eight, other weeks there are 26. We are certainly looking forward to a bit more room in the new library.

A reminder: If you see on the Selectboard agenda that the library will be discussed, please make a note to try to be there. Most of the time the agenda item is just updates, but people showing up will show the selectboard that the library is supported.

NEW BOOKS: ADULTS

Sycamore Tow – John Grisham – book – CD
The Goldfinch – Donna Tartt – book – CD
We Are Water – Wally Lamb – book – CD
The Longest Ride – Nicholas Sparks – book – CD
Identical – Scott Turow – book – CD
Storm Front – John Sanford – book – CD
Gone – James Patterson – book – CD
Mad About the Boy – Helen Fielding – book – CD
Just One Evil Act – Elizabeth George – book – CD
Killing Jesus – Bill O'Reilly – book
David & Goliath – Malcolm Gladwell – book
I Am Malala – Malala Yousafzai – book – CD
My Story – Elizabeth Smart – book
The First Phone Call From Heaven – book
The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion – Fannie Flagg – book – CD
The Valley of Amazement – Amy Tan – book – CD
Dust – Patricia Cornwell - book – CD
Silencing Eve – Iris Johansen – book – CD
Take Down Twenty – Janet Evanovich – book – CD
Accused – Lisa Scottoline – book – CD
King and Maxwell- David Baldacci – book – CD
Dark Witch – Nora Roberts – book – CD
Stella Bain – Anita Shreve – book – CD
Pioneer Woman Cooks – Ree Drummond – book

NEW BOOKS: CHILDREN-JUVENILE-YOUNG ADULT

Mr. Wuffles – David Wiesner – book
Oh What a Christmas – Michael Garland – book
The Snatchabook- Thomas Docherty – book
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Hard Luck – Jeff Kinney – book
OMG! All About Me Diary – Rachel Renee Russell – book
Teardrop – Lauren Kate – book
The House of Hades – Rick Riordan – book
Allegiant – Veronica Roth – book

Your Selectboard...more than just a meeting

The Richmond Board of Selectmen continue to strive for a fiscally responsible budget and to make Richmond a wonderful place to live and play. The board meets twice monthly for their regularly scheduled board meetings and meets more frequently when working on the town budget, with the budget committee and town departments to fulfill their duties as Selectmen. However these board members do not stop there! They continue their good efforts by volunteering and committing themselves to other committees and the community.

Clarence Cummins, former Chairman of the Budget Committee, is now Chairman of the Board. He takes part in the Route 24 Corridor meetings, and meetings to preserve Swan Island and Merrymeeting Bay.

Peter Warner, Vice Chairman of the Board, is a member of the Richmond Comprehensive Planning Committee, attends Business After-Hours meetings, and volunteers for town events including Richmond Days, the Halloween Festival and the annual Tree Lighting. He also works with Habitat for Humanity and is a member of the Masons.

Tracy Tuttle has served six years as a Selectboard member, works with the Revolving Loan Board, and volunteers her time to town events including Richmond Days and the Halloween festival. She is always creative in her silent and gracious way to assist Richmond residents in need.

Rose Beckwith has also served for six years as a Selectboard member. She gives her time to the Richmond Food Pantry by picking up and dropping off their food deliveries. She also helped move the pantry and their equipment to their new location at the St. Matthias Church. She has given years of service to the Richmond Youth Recreation Association and Summer Recreation program. She also works with the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program to distribute food to kids in need during the summer months.

Gary Poulin, our newest board member, purchased the material for and constructed the cupola and circulation desk for our new library. He has also worked weekends at the Holding Area building our new Universal Waste building to make it easier for our residents to access our services and save the town money. Gary also installed solar security lighting at Lane Field to help minimize vandalism.

Senior Notes for Senior Folks

It is a misconception that you have to wait until you celebrate a certain birthday before you can take part in all of the Center's activities. It is true that our activities and services are geared toward the needs and interests of 55+ area adults, but we also hold events open to the general public, such as: Free flu clinic, craft projects, medication collection. and many more!

So, why not consider the Center?

We enjoy speakers on various subjects, classes in genealogy, first aid, CPR, and more. On Game Day, stop in and join a board game or try your hands at cards, and enjoy the sociability!

Of course, we are always searching for local, talented folks to entertain and share. We now have a piano (donated by Rick and Deb Coughlin: Many Thanks!).

Our calendars are always available on the front door of the Center. Keep in mind events can be added or changed, so call the Center for more information.

**Come join us every Wednesday for Game Day! Please call the Center to check on other activities.
Call 737-2161 or stop by for a visit, any time at 314 Front Street**

Open 10:00 - 3:00, Monday through Wednesday.

Coffee is always on!

Town Office Reminders

2014 licenses are available for hunting and fishing! You can also register your snowmobile or ATV!

You can re-register your vehicles, recreational vehicles, dog, hunting and fishing licenses online. If you own a boat, mooring applications are also available for the 2014 year. Peacock Beach season park passes for 2014 are available for \$30.00.

Dog registration fees are \$11.00 or \$6.00 for neuter/spayed dogs; the late fee is \$25.00 after January 31st.

Remember to check your vehicle registration to see if its time to renew! You can go to:
www.maine.gov/sos/bmv to sign up for a reminder.

The Homestead Exemption gives you up to \$10,000 off 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 you're claiming. **Summer camps, vacation homes and second residences do not qualify.** To apply for a Veteran Exemption you must be 62 or older and a legal Maine resident. Call 737-4305 ext. 208 for more information or visit: www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/property/appsformspubs.htm.

Winter Snow Operations-Public Works

The time to plow the average route during periods of good visibility is three to four hours. During periods of heavy or wet snow it can take much longer. Other conditions such as accidents or equipment breakdowns must be factored into the length of time it may take.

When there is significant accumulation, our crew is called in to begin plowing their assigned routes. Plowing and sanding operations continue until the snow stops. Because of increased costs for winter materials, applications of sand and salt will likely be limited to an initial treatment at the beginning of a storm and immediately following the conclusion of the storm. Primary arteries and major intersections may receive more numerous treatments, as conditions and situations require. Sleet and freezing rain events will obviously require more aggressive surface treatment applications.

When the snow ends, all routes are plowed again and, where possible, snow banks are pushed back to make room for future storms. All streets and parking lots are then sanded, where needed. It takes several more hours for the crew to clear the sidewalks that are normally cleared.

During some big storms, the Public Works crew is on the job around the clock plowing and sanding. When the weather has cleared and the crew has had at least twenty-four hours to rest, snow removal begins. Snow removal consists of hauling snow away to a snow dump from areas such as Main Street and busy intersections where snow obstructs the view of traffic. Snow removal priorities are very difficult to set and an effort is made to treat all business owners and citizens fairly. Snow removal takes several days to complete and is very expensive to accomplish.

How You Can Help with Winter Operations

- If you MUST pass, pick a good place to do so. Plow trucks have a wing on the passenger side of the truck and straight sections of road that have guardrails or a bridge give the driver no place to go. Some areas like these are so narrow that with the wing down there is not enough room for the truck and a car. With several storms, already narrow residential streets can become even narrower.
- Do not park in the street, on shoulders or on sidewalks during storms or during snow removal operations. A parking ban in Richmond is effective from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. from November 15 to April 15.
- Do not shovel, plow or blow snow onto roadways or sidewalks. This is prohibited by law and can cause a traffic hazard. It is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow approaches. This will allow the plow to carry snow away from your driveway instead of filling your driveway back in.
- If possible, wait until roads have been plowed and pushed back before clearing your driveway. There is no practical way to clear streets without depositing snow in driveways. Snow banks must be pushed back to provide drainage and room for the next storm. Please understand that the Town cannot return and clear private driveways.

Please be patient. Plowing, sanding, and snow removal takes time. During storms of long duration, crew work around the clock until everything is done. Our primary mission is to make roadways safe for the traveling public at a reasonable cost to our taxpayers.

Richmond Youth Recreation Association



Thank you to all of the coaches, directors and volunteers who assisted with our youth soccer program in the fall and are currently working with our travel basketball teams. We could not run quality programs without your assistance!

Part of the registration fees have allowed RYRA to purchase new equipment for basketball programming to include: new uniforms for travel teams, new basketballs and whistles for coaches.

Be on the lookout for the following activities/sign-ups over the next few months.

January: Little Dribblers sign-ups (K-2)-clinics to start mid to late February

March: Baseball/Softball/T-ball sign-ups

Thank you to those who continue to support and promote RYRA programming.

Richmond Transfer Station Reminders

The Richmond Transfer Station located on Lincoln Street is open from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. every Saturday and 12:00-4:00p.m. every Wednesday from November-April. **(Don't forget you can drop off your Christmas trees at no charge!)**

Also located at the Richmond Transfer Station is Single Stream/Zero-Sort Recycling for Richmond residents only. **Please No** plastic bags/film, plastic grocery bags, stretch wrap, Styrofoam. No foam packaging, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs or dishes. Hard, brittle plastic is not acceptable (i.e. monitors, keyboards, some children's toys.)

The Universal Waste Station is now located at the Transfer Station. The Universal Waste Station accepts TV's, fluorescent lights, computers, etc.

Please visit: www.richmondmaine.com for more information on acceptable types of wastes. You can purchase a dump sticker right at the Transfer Station or at the Town Office.

The annual fee for the holding area is \$10.00 for residents, \$15.00 for Dresden residents and \$30.00 for commercial haulers. You can also purchase additional stickers for your household at \$2.00/each.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update

Know a lot about or have an interest in Richmond history? The Comp Plan Committee is currently focusing on this topic and would love to have you join them for the conversation. Our meetings are always open to the public and usually at the Town Office unless otherwise specified. Please check our website for the latest information or call Victoria at 737-4305 x331.

Upcoming meeting dates (always call to make sure meeting is on):

- Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m.



Business After Hours Seminar

Small Business Websites:

Creating, Maintaining, Updating and Promoting Your Business Website

Todd Langhill, Langer Enterprises

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 p.m., Town Office

Full Moon Snowshoe Hikes

When: Full Moon Fridays in January, February and March, all starting at 6:30 p.m. January 17, February 14, and March 14

Where: Town Forest property, Dingley Road (about 4/10 of a mile south of the intersection with Post Road and Route 138)

What: Bring the family and friends (all ages welcomed!) out to snowshoe or hike in our Town Forest! There will be a bonfire and s'more fixings. The full moon or near full moon will light the way.

RSVP: Please let us know if you think you might be coming, so we have enough s'mores. Carpool if you can. This is on unless there is a serious weather event so best to call and confirm. Please call Victoria at 737-4305 x 331 or email to [director@richmondmaine.com].





Lincoln County Animal Shelter

The Town of Richmond contracts with the Lincoln County Animal Shelter for the disposition of Richmond strays. The Lincoln County Animal Shelter is located at 27 Atlantic Highway, US Route 1, Edgecomb, Maine. You can find information on activities at the shelter on Facebook (Lincoln County Animal Shelter). The shelter is open to Richmond residents and the public from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday-Saturday, except holidays. The shelter provides food and other supplies for the animals brought from the Town of Richmond.

The shelter needs your help! Please take a look at the list provided and see if you can help. Items may be dropped off at the Richmond Town Office.

Blankets/towels, chair cushions, paper towels, bleach, Odoban (cleaner), dish soap, dryer sheets, laundry detergent (powder & liquid), Blue Seal Lamb and Rice dog food, Blue Seal puppy chow, Purina kitten chow, Friskee canned cat food, Q-tips, cotton balls, litter pans, spray bottles, dog biscuits, cat toys and dog toys.

Rabies Clinic

Lincoln County Animal Clinic
27 Atlantic Highway
Edgecomb, ME 04556
207-882-9677



Saturday January 11
12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.
Cost \$12.00

Cats must be in crates and dogs on a leash.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Appeals Board: 1 member position & 2 alternate member positions.

Planning Board: 2 alternate member positions
\$20.00/meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Openings

Trails & Conservation Committee: Openings

Library Trustee: 1 member position.

Call Sharon Woodward at 737-4305 ext. 201 if you are interested in serving!

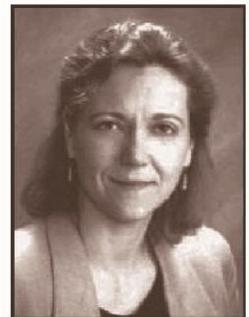
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11P.M. TO 7A.M.

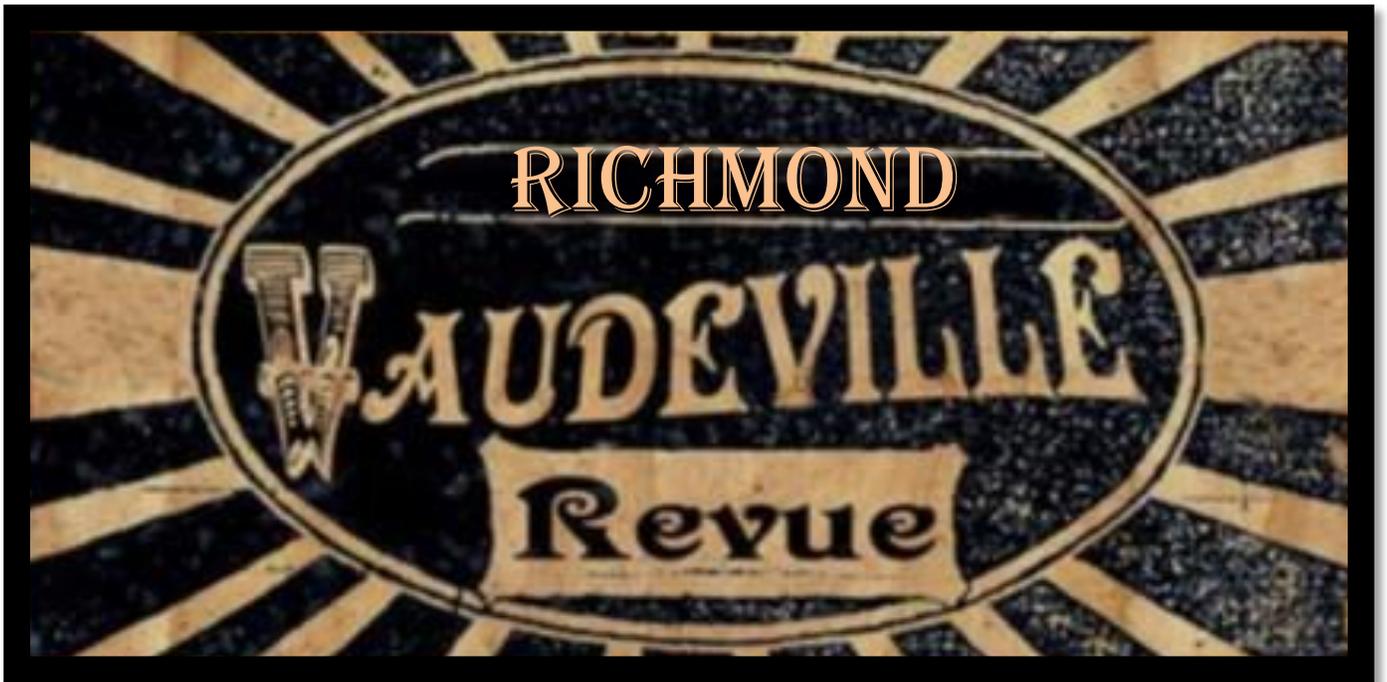
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- Family Law
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- Insurance Denials
- Contracts, Wills & Deeds
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- Business & Real Estate Transactions
- Defense In Front of Licensing Boards



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Summer seems far away but it's not too early to mark your calendars for **July 25th and 26th** for **Richmond Vaudeville Days**. Visions for the vaudeville festival include a children's variety show, a street faire with unicycle performers, jugglers, a magician, and hula hoop artists, and a burlesque show for adults. Plus the usual favorites: the parade, lobster crate races, inflatables, and more!

If anyone has an idea for an activity or would like to help out, please contact Victoria at 737-4305 x331 or Laurisa at x208.

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