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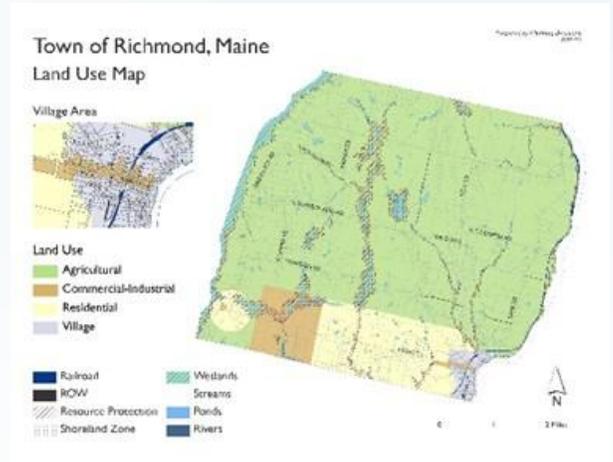
## Community & Business Development Updates

### Richmond Business Directory

Our Richmond Business Directory will be updated for 2016. If you have made any changes to your business, or if you are a new business, please contact us so that we can list you (free of charge!).

### A Ten-Year Vision for Richmond

Our hardworking Comprehensive Plan Committee is nearing completion of its update of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is a document addressing critical issues and opportunities within a community, that incorporates a shared vision for the community's future. The Plan reviews past trends, evaluates current conditions, describes a preferred scenario for future growth, and provides an implementation plan to achieve desired goals and objectives. The draft Comprehensive Plan will go before voters at 2016 Town Meeting, and you can review draft chapters on our website: <http://richmondmaine.com/richmond-comprehensive-plan-update>



Richmond Current Land Use Map

### Safe Routes to School Project - Gardiner Street Sidewalk and Trail to High School

The design work for this federally-funded project was completed in 2012. With a go-ahead last year from MaineDOT, the Town is proceeding with the right-of-way clearance so that we can complete construction by the start of the 2016/17 school year. The project will connect the Richmond High School and Middle School via a multi-use path across RSU-2 and Town properties to existing sidewalks on High Street. A sidewalk will connect the multi-use path and High Street sidewalks to sidewalks at the intersection of Pleasant and Baker Streets.



Currently, canoes and kayaks are docked at the northern end of the float system. The new non-motorized launch will be at the old Town Landing, between the RUD property and Swan Island boat launch.

### Waterfront Improvements

With grant funding from the state Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) and federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG), the Town will expand and extend the current float system for 26-foot and larger boats, and create a designated non-motorized watercraft launch site at the old Town Landing, including short-and long-term storage for canoes and kayaks! (And stay tuned for more information about a canoe and kayak festival, slated for late summer/early fall 2016!)

For more information on these activities, please contact Victoria at 737-4305 x331.

January 2016						
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February 2016						
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**Community Events:**

**Southard House Museum, 75 Main Street**

*Martin Luther King Day Programs*

*Monday, January 18, 2016*

**Session I**-for grades 4-6: "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights" kids workshop by the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine

*10:30-11:30 a.m.*

**Session II**-For grades 7 though adult: "Stories of the Legacy of Slavery in Maine" by historian Susan Bowditch, former director of the Joshua Chamberlain Museum.

*2-3:00p.m. followed by reception*

*Space limited: school groups please preregister. Both events are free. 737-8202 (Cancellation will be posted on Facebook at TJ Southard & www.southardhousemuseum.com*

**Richmond Town Forest, Dingley Road**

*Moonlight Snowshoe Hikes*

*Friday, February 19, 2016*

*6:30p.m. -SEE BACK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road**

*Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Saturday, March 19, 2016*

**Art on the Kennebec/Art in Schools Month**

*Saturday & Sunday , April 2 & 3, 2016*

**Community Citizen Awards to Tracy Tuttle & Dresden**

*Sunday, April 17, 2016*

**National Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service**

*Thursday, May 5, 2016*

*Enterprise Grange Contact #737-2611*

*www.grange.org/enterpriseme48*

**Town Dates & Reminders:**

1/12: Comprehensive Planning 6:00p.m.

1/18: Town Office Closed

1/20: Selectmen Mtg 5:00p.m.

1/26: Planning Board 6:00p.m.

2/3: Selectmen Mtg 5:00p.m.

2/9: Comprehensive Planning 6:00p.m.

2/15: Town Office Closed

2/17: Selectmen Mtg 5:00p.m.

2/23: Planning Board 6:00p.m.

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**26 Gardiner Street**

**Richmond, Maine 04357**

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**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**

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

**Closed Friday**

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This community calendar will be a regular feature of our newsletter. Please submit your events for consideration by the following deadlines: 2/18/16, 4/21/16, 6/23/16, 8/25/16, 10/20/16, 12/22/16.

# Code Enforcement Update: James Valley

The Richmond Planning Board has been working to make amendments to the Land Use Ordinance. Their focus has primarily been on Article 8 Development Review. The intent is to make the planning board process a little easier for the applicants to bring a project to them for approval. The Town plans to have information meetings and public hearings to discuss these amendments before it is brought to Town Meeting for approval. A draft of the proposed changes will be available at the Town Office very soon. The Planning Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Feel free to stop in with any question or amendments you would like to see. Anyone interested, the Board still has one alternate Board Member spot available.

## BUILDING PERMITS

10/26/2015	Daniel Rideout	189 Marston Rd	R08-030-01	Earth Moving
10/27/2015	Maine DOT	488 Front Street	U04-011-00	Demolition
11/5/2015	Peter Lilly	450 Main Street	R02-021-00	Demolition of Barn/26' by 8' Storage Building
11/9/2015	Dana Goggins	58 Savage Road	R05-044-01	Foundation for 24' by 36' Barn
11/10/2015	Aaron Warner	110 River Road	R01-075-00	25' by 34' Garage
11/12/2015	Charles Ellithorpe	213 Main Street	R01-039-00	32' by 40' Pole Barn
12/16/2015	Mel Taylor	96 Post Road	R03-025-00	14' by 76' 2005 Mobile Home

## Updates to the Code Enforcement Fee Schedule

The minimum "Building Permit" application fee is \$20.00. For a new residential home .12/S.F., Renovation to a residential home .10/S.F., Residential accessory structure .08/S.F., New commercial structure .20/S.F. , Renovation of a commercial structure .15/S.F.

Structures in the Shoreland zone add \$50./ to reg. fee.

Application for Non-Conforming Structure \$50.00.

Plumbing Permit \$40./\$10 each fixture over four.

Home Occupation Permit \$25.00

Sign Permit \$10.00

Demolition Permit \$25.00

Re-Roofing Permit \$20.00

Window Replacement Permit \$20.00

After the Fact Permit will be double the original permit fee.



**Revised  
Code  
Enforcement  
Fees**

## New and Expanded Businesses!

### Circles of Stone Pottery

Robyn Langhorst creates hand thrown and handmade pottery and photo cards with quotes. Robyn offers a variety of beautiful and practical items for the home. She works with mostly circular forms on the wheel but also enjoys adding shapes and designs by hand. Each piece is unique. She has been making pottery for over 25 years, and has been interested in making cards since she was a child. Her gallery and retail space is located at 164 Main Street.



**Circles of Stone Pottery** is located at 164 Main Street, between China Rose and Richmond Family Chiropractic (Look for the flag to see when she's open). You can reach Robyn at 207-737-4521 or email her at [designswithintention@gmail.com]. You can also see Robyn's wares at:

Website: [designswithintention.net](http://designswithintention.net)

Facebook page: Circles of Stone Pottery

Etsy page (her cards): [www.etsy.com/shop/designswithintention](http://www.etsy.com/shop/designswithintention)

Also in Robyn's space at 164 Main Street is her business called **Healing from the Inside Out**. Services include polarity therapy, therapeutic-grade essential oils, and Astrological Perspectives. Robyn is a Polarity Therapy practitioner. Polarity therapy is a holistic health care system based on the premise that each person's body-mind system already knows what it needs to return to perfect health. The intention of the polarity therapy process is to aid in relaxing the nervous system on a very deep level, and the procedures used include gentle touch, use of sound, and energy work, among others. The polarity sessions, as well as the astrological sessions and essential oil sessions, are *by appointment*.

Healing from the Inside Out is the way that healing occurs in nature. Based on a strong belief in self-empowerment, Robyn's intention is to be a facilitator in the client's own process of self-healing.

To set up an appointment, or for more information, call Robyn at 207-737-4521 or email her at [rrlheart@gmail.com].

### Silver Pear Designs, LLC

If you've walked down Main Street in the last couple of weeks, you've likely noticed some activity at 2 Main Street, around the corner from Annabella's. Resident Cindy Fina-

more, who has been selling jewelry on Etsy as Silver Pear Designs, has moved her wholesale business studio to Main Street. Cindy's current bestsellers include leather and silver bracelets (also being sold at Annabella's), silver shawl pins, sterling silver tie clips, and necklaces.

Cindy's artist statement: "I have drawn from elements of my past to create jewelry. Many of these elements trigger nostalgia, that draw me back in time to my most cherished memories... I

try to put the beauty of Maine's earth into each piece of jewelry I create."

Cindy has had her resale certificate and



Etsy shop since 2007, and she is currently selling her wares to a few shops in Maine, including The Scottish Lion (Bristol), Rapid River (Freeport); and justkim's (in the Old Port, Portland). She is looking to expand further in New England and also on the west coast and elsewhere.

Cindy's studio is set up at 2 Main Street and you can look for her work at [www.silverpeardesigns.etsy.com](http://www.silverpeardesigns.etsy.com). You can reach Cindy at 207-899-9630 or [silverpearmaine@gmail.com].

### Smith's Tax Service

Also at 2 Main Street, you will now find Smith's Tax Service, just in time for tax season. Gordon and Lois Smith have moved their business, which services over 600 clients, from Bowdoinham to Richmond. They offer personalized services for families and businesses, and are "very excited about the location and working with the Richmond community." They offer anything tax related: estate work, bookkeeping, accounting, modified payroll, and of course, tax preparation. They have been in business for 47 years and service clients all over the world.

Smith's Tax Service is located at 2 Main Street, at the corner of Front Street. Parking is available in the parking lot to the west of, and on the street in front of, the building. Additional parking is available in the parking lot south of the building on Front Street.

Office hours (Beginning January 4, 2016): Monday through Friday, 9-5:30; Saturdays and Evenings, by appointment.

Phone: 207-737-4456

Email: [info@smithtaxservice.com](mailto:info@smithtaxservice.com)

Fax: 207-512-1077

## Senior Notes for Senior Folks

As usual, The Golden Oldies Senior Center has been extremely busy the past few months. Social time is extremely important to all and we usually have a FULL calendar. Just keep checking the Town of Richmond Website for our latest calendar. In the meantime, let's fill you in on what we have been up to.

First off, we are pleased to welcome the Richmond Seniors Group to the Center. They have previously been meeting at the Historical Building on Pleasant St, but as of September, they have been holding their meetings and weekly BINGO games here at the Center, 314 Front Street, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. It is such a great mix of people and we are all enjoying the socializing.

Our "Saturday Night Suppers" are now a fixture at the Center. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month will bring a delicious home cooked supper, just like you remember as a kid, complete with yummy desserts, all to raise money for the Center. We are extremely pleased with the turnouts and support for our dinners. Sue & John Campbell are incredible in putting out these fantastic meals. January 16<sup>th</sup> is our next dinner with Baked Stuffed Chicken on the menu.

Since the last newsletter to you, we have enjoyed an "Elvis" impersonator show which was fabulous and we look forward to bringing him back again soon. Ernie DeRaps presented a slide show on his experiences as a Lighthouse Keeper; very interesting. Healthy Choices for ME held a 6 week course on "Living Well" for better health, full of great information. We held our annual Veteran's Day Dinner; it was very well attended. Mike Bell came and spoke about Benedict Arnold and how he relates to the Richmond & Dresden area. We got our creative hats on and took a Thanksgiving centerpiece and a Boxwood Tree Class. Both ventures came out spectacular. The Carol Bailey String Band presented a great Christmas Concert with everyone enjoying the audience interaction. We enjoyed our annual Christmas Party and celebrated the generous gift giving for a local family we adopted for the Christmas Holiday. This year we also collected gifts for Richmond Eldercare (instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves), heartwarming and very satisfying for everyone.

I am proud to announce the first "Senior Summit." This was a meeting of all surrounding Senior Center Directors and Senior Program Administrators. The meeting was attended by six representatives from, Bowdoinham, Richmond, Chelsea, Gardiner, and Wiscasset. We shared concerns, ideas and future hopes for our seniors. This was a very productive meeting and all agreed to continue to meet and exchange ideas. We



A few Members of The Richmond Senior Group

also hosted an "Aging in Place" focus group which discussed what services were needed to keep seniors in their homes. Our seniors shared valuable information and the fears we all have as we age.

**We want to give a big "THANK YOU" to the Richmond PD. For the past 5 years, they have distributed sand/salt buckets to our seniors, making sure we are safe. If you are a senior in Richmond would like to participate in this program, give the Police Dept a call 737- 4305 x207. Chief MacMaster will make sure you receive a bucket.**

The Golden Oldies Senior Center is open Monday-Wednesday from 10-3pm. Coffee is always on and conversations are always available. EVERY first Monday of the month, is our fundraising BREAKFAST a delicious start to your day at an incredible price of \$6.00. Every Monday is Cribbage, Tuesday is BINGO and Wednesday is GAME DAY at the Center. Join us for many different types of games and socializing. Always fun!! Stop and shop or just say "Hi." Love to see you. It's a good time to stop in and see just what the Senior Center is all about.

We have ongoing activities to engage ALL Seniors to come and enjoy the Golden Oldies Senior Center. My office is always available for chats, information or help with issues. If I don't have the information you need, I will use every resource I know to get you an answer. Our Calendars are always available on the front and back door of the Center or call 737-2161 and I will be happy to send one out to you.

Hope to see you all soon, Laurie Saunders, Director

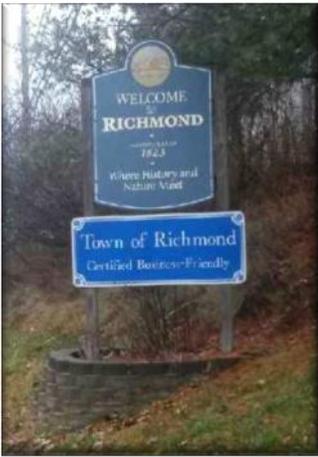


"Living Well" Course



Thanksgiving Centerpiece Class

# All Signs Point to Richmond!



**Above:** Town of Richmond Certified Business-Friendly signs placed at both entrances into the downtown.

**Right:** Merrymeeting Trail interim route signage on Route #24.



Above and Below: Exterior & interior library signage



# Enterprise Grange #48 Events and Activities



'Beyond the Field Edge' Class with Maine Farmland Trust and Maine Forest Service. After lunch, they went to Tender Soles Farm to see the trees that are beyond the field edge.

Youth activities on Halloween



Lunch with Santa: Crafts and a kid-friendly lunch. Looks like an annual tradition!



'Family' Thanksgiving. We invited old friends who introduced us to new friends.

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## News from the Isaac F. Umberhine Public Library



Story Hour

We would like to thank Laurie Saunders for making wreathes and hanging them for us. They make the library very festive. Another thanks goes out to Aben Maguire for stringing up our Christmas lights. They too make the library very inviting.

There has been some wonderful fundraising and donations going on in the world of books. Scott MacMaster and Melissa Hackett hosted a Christmas photo shoot with the proceeds going to the Lego Club. We also had a bake sale table at the Craft Fair at the Marcia Buker Saturday. Thank you to all who stopped by to have a bite to eat. In the spirit of the holiday season, Gary and Alissa Emmons made a donation to the Children's Story Hour. Fred and Carolyn Case also were generous to us by donating to the general library fund. Gary Poulin donated a beautiful handcrafted sign for the inside of the Library. We also had some very nice Legos donated by Allison Thompson and her son. As the year ends, we would also like to thank all the people who brought juice and snacks to all our activities and helped out wherever they could. It's been a great first year in our new library.



Lego Club

### Library Hours

Lego Club-first Monday of every month 6:00-7:00p.m.

Tuesday 2-8p.m.

School age story hour-every Tuesday afternoon 4:30-5:30p.m.

Wednesday 9-2p.m.

Pre-School Story Hour 9:30-10:30a.m.

Thursday 2-8p.m.

Saturday 9-12a.m.

### WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

**NOVEMBER 15 to  
APRIL 15  
11P.M. TO 7A.M.**

**STRICTLY ENFORCED REGARDLESS  
OF  
WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### WINTER REMINDERS



If you are replacing your mailbox or post, keep in mind that the best height for your mailbox is between 45 and 48 inches from the ground, and should be off the road enough that the carrier can access it and the plow will not hit it. Please make sure your child's basketball hoops are removed from the roadways.

Winter sand is available for Richmond residents at the High-

way Garage. Sand is limited to two buckets per household per storm.

# MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKES

Richmond Town Forest  
Two Fridays at 6:30 PM

- January 22
- February 19



Bring family and friends of all ages to snowshoe or hike. Or just come gather with us around a campfire, and enjoy hot cocoa and s'mores! The Town Forest is located on the Dingley Road about 4/10 mile south of the intersection with the Post Road and Route 138.

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