

Mainely Richmond



RICHMOND RECENTLY MADE THE
SAFEWISE 20 SAFEST CITIES IN MAINE LIST.

The SafeWise Report released its “20 Safest Cities in Maine” report this week. To compile this report, SafeWise used the most recent FBI crime data from 2012 to analyze and rank these cities, which all have a minimum population of 5,000 people. SafeWise looks at crimes from Part 1 of the FBI Unified Crime Report (UCR) reported crime data, which focuses on violent crimes (aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery) as well as property crimes (arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft). From there, they calculate the chances of these crimes happening out of a thousand in order to level the playing field for cities of varying populations. From all the municipalities in Maine, SafeWise narrowed the list down to 20 and assigned rankings according to data provided by the FBI’s UCR report.

The statistics cited for Richmond:

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.00

Property Crimes per 1,000: 14.68

See the full Safest Cities in Maine list here: <http://www.safewise.com/blog/20-safest-cities-maine/>

SafeWise is a community-focused security organization with over 75 years combined experience in the home security industry.

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

Nomination papers are available at the Town Office starting March 16, 2015 for the following positions:

Two (2) Selectboard, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three (3) year term.

One (1) Budget Committee Member for one (1) year term.

One (1) Budget Committee Member for three (3) year term.

One (1) Richmond Utilities District Trustee for a one (1) year term.

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One (1) RSU #2 Member for three (3) year term.

Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk at the Town Office by 5:00p.m. on Monday April 27, 2015. The elections for these positions will take place June 9, 2015 at the Richmond Middle/High School gymnasium from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

March 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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April 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Community Events:

Workshops for Entrepreneurs and Business Owners w/Wendy Rose of Winding Rose Studio

March 31-Business Plan

April 7-Financials

April 21-Marketing

6:00-8:00p.m. at the Old Goat upstairs. Jointly sponsored by the Towns of Richmond & Bowdoinham. Handouts and refreshments will be available.

Community Citizen Awards for Richmond & Dresden, Enterprise Grange #48

April 19, 2015 at 3:00p.m.

15 Alexander Reed Road, community room.

Town Dates & Reminders:

3/4 5:00p.m. Selectmen Meeting

3/10 6:00p.m. Comprehensive Planning Meeting

3/16 6:30p.m. RYRA Meeting

3/16 Nomination Papers Available

3/17 6:30p.m. RYRA Meeting

3/18 6:00p.m. Selectmen Meeting

3/24 6:00p.m. Planning Board Meeting

4/1 5:00p.m. Selectmen Meeting

4/15 6:00p.m. Selectmen Meeting

4/20 Town Office Closed-Patriot Day

4/21 6:30p.m. RYRA Meeting

4/27 Nomination Papers Due at the Town Office

4/28 6:00p.m. Planning Board

4/29 6:00p.m. Selectmen Meeting

All meetings are held at the Town Office unless noted otherwise. Meetings are posted on our website.

2015 Dump Stickers are available: Residents \$10., \$2. for additional. Commercial \$30.

2015 Peacock Beach Season passes available. \$30 May-September.

TOWN OF RICHMOND

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The community calendar will be a regular feature of our newsletter. Please submit your events for consideration by the following deadlines: 4/23/15 and 6/18/15.



1079 Brunswick Road (Route 201)

NEW BUSINESS: PEARY'S TRADING POST

Peary's Trading Post, at 1079 Brunswick Road (Route 201) is open every day for your fishing and hunting needs. Owners Jamie and Kenneth Blakeny moved back to the area from South Carolina and opened the business in November 2014.

Peary's sells primarily hunting and fishing supplies, including dilly night crawlers, small shiners and other live bait. This summer, they have plans to sell fresh vegetables, lobsters and possibly steamers. They have a person on staff that does gun repairs and they are working on becoming a tagging station as well as selling hunting and fishing licenses. They have plans to continue expanding their supplies as the business gets underway in the spring and summer.

Stop by Peary's for your hunting and fishing needs!

Winter Hours (may change in the spring):

Every day, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1079 Brunswick Road (Route 201)

Phone: 864-346-7621 or 207-730-9338

facebook.com/pearystradingpostmaine

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.

Winter sand is available for Richmond residents at the Highway Garage. Sand is limited to two buckets per household per storm.



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WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

NOVEMBER 15 - APRIL 15

11P.M. TO 7A.M.

**STRICTLY ENFORCED REGARDLESS OF
WEATHER CONDITIONS**

WORKSHOPS FOR ENTREPRENEURS & BUSINESS OWNERS

Wendy Rose of Winding Rose Studio

Jointly sponsored by the Towns
of Richmond and Bowdoinham
All from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at
the Old Goat Upstairs
Handouts and refreshments
will be available

MARCH 31: BUSINESS PLAN

APRIL 7: FINANCIALS

APRIL 21: MARKETING

NOTICE TO RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Richmond High
School Alumni Associa-
tion will be accepting ap-
plications for their 2015
Alumni Association
Scholarships.

These scholarships are in
the amount of \$1,500.00
and will be presented
during the 2015 RHS
Senior Assembly. Appli-
cations may be obtained
from the guidance office
or by contacting Irene
Adams via email:

iaams@richmondme.org.

Deadline for submission
is May 1, 2015.

Business Plan: The Entrepre- neur's Best Friend, March 31

In this workshop, the entrepreneur will find out what lenders and business counselors want to see in a Business Plan. Wendy will demystify all the elements and help you get started on some of the paragraphs. We'll even look at those sometimes scary financial forms and learn what they are really asking for. Since the pricing and break-even analysis can be such a stumbling block, I'll walk through the steps for this section using a special worksheet. At the end, we'll cover some helpful business resources that are available – often for free. It will become very clear that the person who benefits most from the Business Plan is you – the entrepreneur. *Marketing message: If you are a new start-up entrepreneur or have been in business for some years, developing a Business Plan can be a great help! It brings focus to questions you may have and is a map and compass for your future direction.*

The Financials: Getting Those Pesky Numbers in Line, April 7

We'll take the mystery out of the various financial forms that entrepreneurs need to create and keep track of. They all flow into each other! The bookkeeping system leads into the Profit and Loss Statement, the Cash Flow, and the Balance Sheet. By understanding the language of these forms, entrepreneurs can see clearly how well their business is doing. We'll also spend some time looking at the Schedule C and other tax forms that a business needs to file at tax time. They become much easier to do when you see how it all fits together. Being able to document and "read" the numbers gives entrepreneurs the power to make good decisions for

their business. *Marketing message: Knowing how the business numbers work together provides powerful information to the entrepreneur. This workshop will take the mystery out of the various business financial forms and will give you the tools you need to master this aspect of your business.*

Marketing: Reaching out to your customer, April 21

Knowing your customer and how to best reach them can make all the difference in the success of a business. Message, branding, and marketing channels are just some of the elements of a good marketing plan. In this workshop we'll look at all the components of a marketing plan and then zero in on the key steps each one needs to take in order to create a more effective marketing strategy. There are so many choices to make! We'll sort them out and give you the tools you need to move forward. *Marketing message: Crafting a great message about your business and then finding the best ways to broadcast that to your potential customers leads to business success. We'll look at the elements of a good marketing strategy in order to help your business reach its potential.*

Wendy worked for over 25 years as a business counselor at Women, Work, and Community and has helped countless businesses to launch and become successful. Her website is: <http://windingrosetudio.com/consulting-service/>

**Please RSVP to Victoria Boundy,
Community & Business
Development Director
737-4305 x331**

**Thank you to Scott McIntire of
the Old Goat for his generosity!**

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Department has begun the design process for an extension of our **waterfront walking path** to the State Boat Launch for Swan Island. This path will provide safe pedestrian access to the Swan Island launch from our waterfront and increased recreational opportunities. We were awarded \$10,000 in funding last year from the Maine Coastal Program's *Shore and Harbor Program* for this project. We will seek Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) funding next year to construct the path.

The MaineDOT funded project to construct a formal **trail from High Street to the High School**, and connect the path to a new sidewalk on Gardiner Street from High Street to Pleasant, is at long last moving forward with construction likely this year. We completed the design phase of this project in 2012 and have been waiting for construction funding. These connections will provide a safe route for pedestrians, especially students walking to and from school.

An **Economic Development Strategy Plan** has been completed for the Town by the Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD). This document is the result of business surveys, visitations, and review of economic data to better understand Richmond's local economy. The plan provides guidance on future policy decisions, public investment and other development initiatives. It will be available on the Economic Development pages on our website (www.richmondmaine.com). For more information, please contact Victoria at 737-4305 x331 or email [director@richmondmaine.com].



CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a gas that can cause sickness, coma or death when it builds up in enclosed spaces. It is not seen, does not smell and cannot be tasted. Warning signs of poisoning include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion, but no fever. Carbon monoxide exposure results in over 100 emergency department visits each year in Maine. Every home in Maine should have a carbon monoxide detector--about half of Maine homes do not have a carbon monoxide detector.

Make sure you have a CO detector with a battery back-up in your home near where people sleep. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. You can buy an alarm at most hardware stores or stores that sell smoke detectors. By law, all rental units must have a CO detector—talk to your landlord if you don't have one in your apartment or rental house.

BUILDING PERMITS

Clifton Curtis	52 Dragonfly Lane	R09-022-15	Finish Basement/Doghouse
Ruby Shields-Morse	1140 Brunswick Rd	U18-007-00	Frost Wall Camp
Jason Byrd	116 Lincoln Street	R01-069-01	Solar Panels on Roof
Dan Leclair	15 Leonov Lane	R01-029-00	4' 8" by 12' 8" Dog House
Colonial Pines	41 Hatch (Lot 29)	R01-043-00	14' by 80' Mobile Home
Elwin Page	49 Old Ferry Road	U04-003-TB	10' by 14' Shed

PLUMBING PERMITS

Dustin Mailloux	260 Main Street	R01 009-01	Interior Plumbing New Home
Colonial Pines	41 Hatch St 29	R01 043-00	Interior Plumbing Mobile Home
Geo Johnston	307 Front Street	U02 020-00	Interior Plumbing Business

SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

SPRING EVENTS:

Public Breakfast the first Monday of every month, 8a.m.-10a.m. followed by monthly planning meeting.

Bowling the first Friday of every month, lunch to follow at the Red Barn in Augusta.

Game Day every Wednesday 12p.m.-3p.m.

Cribbage every other Monday from 1p.m. to 3p.m.

Bridge every other Tuesday from 1p.m. to 3p.m.

March brings us St. Patrick's Day lunch, computer class, a speaker on foot care and more. Dates to be announced.

April finds us attending the Bangor Flower Show, a special ladies high tea, AARP Safe Driving class and a trip to the Maine State Museum. Dates to be announced.

May let's hope will bring flowers and warmer weather. A trip is planned to the Wilbur Chocolate Factory, lunch at Cohen Center, a movie day. Dates to be announced.

As always, event times and dates may change, so keep in touch by calling the Golden Oldies Senior Center at 737-2161 or look for our current calendar on the Town of Richmond website: www.richmondmaine.com

The snowfall this winter has been tremendous but it brought back happy memories of HUGE snow banks and sledding down streets (very few cars), hot cocoa and no school. Ahhh, fun times. Although I have to admit there are times when frustration and cabin fever creeps in, but we just don't get this kind of snowfall often and I am determined to make the best of it.

As beautiful as the snow might be, there are drawbacks....shoveling. I have received calls from several seniors in Richmond who could not get out of their driveways. They worked to get their steps cleared but many found that at age 75-85, they are unable to do what was once easy when they were in their 20s. Some seniors are really frustrated by the inability to do the simplest tasks such as picking up the mail or driving to the store in this weather.



One senior called to ask if I knew of any group or organization that could plow his driveway and clean his sidewalk of snow. I asked him if he had family or a neighbor to help. In this case, the senior did not wish to burden the family or neighbors with the task of snow shoveling. I get that, because many seniors have lived a long time being fiercely independent and take great care not to admit they may need help.

I wonder, though, if you know of sen-

iors in your neighborhood, would you be comfortable asking them if they need any help? If you were going to the store, would you call them and ask if they needed anything from the grocery? Many people assume that someone does not need help until one asks, and many others just won't ask for fear of being a pest or burden. And we don't want that senior to feel helpless or unable to take care of themselves. I understand.

Just knowing and getting to know your neighbors is a start. Introducing yourself before a disaster happens will smooth over hesitation to offer or ask for help later. It could sound something like this: "Hi, my name is (insert name here) and I live in that green house over there. I wondered if it would be OK if I check on you if we have lots of snow or the electricity goes out?" Great neighbors exist here in Richmond and are willing to help others. Don't wait to be asked, just you showing concern can bring comfort to many seniors, especially with the winter we are having. This can work.

Another reason to think about neighborly contact is in preparation for a larger disaster. Remember the ice storm of '98, when many homes went without power for weeks? Neighbors checking on neighbors really helped many residents, without the need for emergency services.

Just getting to know your neighbors and talking to each other can make a big difference when we have a large storm, no electricity or even a huge disaster. Keep in mind, someday YOU may need assistance.

**Laurie Saunders, Director
Golden Oldies Senior Center**

A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

While looking out my office window, I see it is still winter; however, inside the Town Office a new season is upon us (Budget Season!). With Town Meeting just three months away, the staff, Budget Committee, and Board of Selectmen have begun the task of deliberating and vetting requests to bring before the citizens of Richmond. The season begins with the Town Manager submitting a proposed budget to the Budget Committee for review. The Budget Committee meets every two weeks on Wednesday night from 6-8:30p.m. with the Town Manager and various department heads to pose questions and receive feedback on the proposal. The Budget Committee will also bring forth thoughts, ideas, and other considerations in regard to specific departments. Once the Budget Committee has completed its review of the Manager's proposed budget, a recommendation on each article of the budget is submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will review the Manager's proposed budget and the recommendations from the Budget Committee and submit what they deem to be in the best interest of the taxpayers and citizens at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen's proposed budget may or may not be the same the Manager's or Budget Committee. It is the responsibility of the voters to decide on the final budget. Prior to Town Meeting, there will be an informational hearing to notify voters of the proposed warrant and upcoming articles.

If anyone has any questions regarding the budget process or town meeting, do not hesitate to stop by the office. As stewards of the Town, it is our responsibility to leave no question unanswered. I look forward to seeing everyone June 2, 2015 at the annual Town Meeting.

ENTERPRISE GRANGE TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Enterprise Grange #48 will hold an open house to celebrate Grange Month with Community Citizen Awards to Richmond Area Food Pantry for Richmond and Dresden Re-cycle Swap Shop for Dresden. There will be a short Grange Program of recreation, inspiration, education and audience participation.

Members of the audience will be welcome to share stories of either group and/or involved volunteers Sunday April 19, 2015 at 3:00p.m. in the Grange Community Room at 15 Alexander Reed Road, Richmond. Donations will be accepted for the Richmond Area Food Pantry.

The Richmond Area Food Pantry (RAFP) began in May 2011 with the support of the towns of Richmond and Dresden, its residents, churches and businesses. Initially, it was housed in the DRUM Church. Two years later in December of 2013, the pantry relocated to the St. Matthias Church in Richmond where it serves over 100 families per month (over 230 individuals) from the Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham areas. The RAFP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and is run solely on the donations it generously receives from local residents, businesses and grant money. They are partnered with the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn, Maine, and the USDA Emergency Food Assistance program where they receive most of

their food.

The Dresden Swap Shop is housed at the Dresden Recycle Center and has free exchange items of clothes, household goods and books. It is run by volunteers and is used by Dresden and Richmond residents.

Enterprise Grange #48 was established in 1874. We are committed to bettering our community through service, advocacy, and fellowship. Enterprise Grange is part of the national Grange, established as the nation's first nonprofit organization supporting rural America and agriculture. It was the first organization to welcome women and teenagers as equal members with men. Today, there are more than 2,100 Granges across the United States. To learn more about the Grange visit www.nationalgrange.org.

Richmond taxpayers: We are looking for ways to keep you informed! We are looking for your contact information. Please email Laurie Boucher at deputytreasurer@richmondmaine.com or call 737-4305 x200. Include your name, map & lot and/or address, phone number and email address.

Calling all local organizations: We want your contact information too! Please email Laurisa Loon at laurisaloon@richmondmaine.com to be added to our website and publications.

RICHMOND RENAISSANCE DAYS

July 24 & 25, 2015



Calling all Kings, Queens, Princes, Princess, Knights of the Round Table, Wizards and Witches to joins us for a step back in time to the Medieval era...

Activities: Battle reenactments, archery, belly dancing, comedy, games, movie night, parade, music, fireworks and more... Stay tuned for more information!

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