

New Faces at Town Hall

Please help us welcome some new faces at the Town Office.



Ryan Chandler is the Town's new Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Health Officer. Ryan has lived in Richmond for 32 years. Along with his wife Stacey and daughter Kennedy they have recently built a new home on Lincoln Street and are looking forward to many more years in the town they love!



James Valley is the Town's new Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk. James was raised in Millinocket and graduated from

Husson College in 2004. He has lived in Richmond for the past five years with his wife Joleen and daughter Emma Grace.



Victoria ("Vicky") Boundy hails from Vermont and worked with regional planning agencies in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts before moving to Maine in 2006. Since then, she has worked as a Senior Planner for the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA), the entity redeveloping the former Brunswick Naval Air Station, and as Planning and Environmental Manager for its successor organization, the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA). Vicky has a passion for working with small communities. She is

excited to be building on the fine work of her predecessor and helping facilitate community and economic development initiatives. Vicky lives in Topsham with her family.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 VOTE:** The polls are open from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Richmond High School. No absentee ballots will be given out after October 29th.
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011:** 1ST HALF OF TAXES DUE
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011:** -9-11A.M., FLU CLINIC AT THE TOWN OFFICE
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011:** SELECTMEN MEETING NIGHT 6:00P.M.
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011:** PLANNING BOARD 6:00P.M.
- **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2011:** TOWN OFFICE CLOSED



**REMEMBER TO LICENSE
YOUR DOG!**

\$6.00/NEUTER/SPAYED

\$11.00/NON-NEUTER/SPAYED

\$25.00 Late Fee charged

after January 31, 2012.

**A rabies certificate is needed. Licenses can
be bought at the Town Office or online at:
www.richmondmaine.com**

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 27th 6:00p.m.

November 22nd 6:00p.m.

December 8th 6:00p.m.

January 5th 6:00p.m.

January 12th 6:00p.m.

January 26th 6:00p.m.

**Please contact the Chairman,
Timothy Arnold at 737-2542 to
confirm that the meeting dates and
times have not changed.**



FLU CLINIC

Monday-Nov. 14th

9:00-11:00a.m.

**At the Town Office
26 Gardiner Street
Richmond, ME 04357**

*Caring for Mid Coast Maine Communities
\$20 suggested donation.*

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

NOVEMBER 15TH TO APRIL 15TH

11P.M. TO 7A.M.

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Attorney at Law**



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The Selectmen's Corner By: Rose Beckwith

In June, the board of Selectmen posed the question to the voters if they wanted to withdraw from the RSU #2 after hearing many residents/parents complain about Richmond's treatment in the RSU. The result of the vote indicated that the voters overwhelmingly wanted to withdraw.



Once the vote indicated that pull out was what the voters wanted, we looked into the course of action, set up by the legislature, required to make withdrawal happen. This appears to be quite an involved process. The first step was for the municipal board to put it to the voters; then,

should the vote indicated pull out is warranted, there needs to be a grassroots movement to continue with the subsequent steps. The process is in detail under the Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A: Education, Part 2: School Organization, Chapter 103-A: Regional School

Units, Subchapter 2: Formation of Regional School Unit, §1466. (Withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit.) You can find a link on the towns website at www.richmondmaine.com.

This would be the time to attend the RSU #2 board meetings, superintendent lead "meet and greet" sessions, talk to our representatives to the RSU board, teachers, students and other parents and ask the important questions that will help decide if the schools/students/taxpayers would do better by not being part of the RSU.

Winter Holding Area Hours

The Richmond Transfer station located on Lincoln Street is open December-March from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. every Saturday (**No Sunday hours**). **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. **Please No** plastic bags/film, plastic grocery bags, stretch wrap, Styrofoam. No foam packaging, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes. Hard, brittle plastic is not acceptable (i.e. monitor, keyboards, some children's toys.) Dresden residents: we accept only brush-metal and wood.



The Universal Waste Station located on High Street (across from the Town Office) is open the first Saturday of the month from 3:30p.m.-6:30p.m. The Universal Waste Station accepts: TV's, Fluorescent lights, 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.

SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

314 Front Street * 207-737-2161 * Email: seniordirector@richmondmaine.com

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

11-7 9:30a.m.-Monthly Planning Meeting

11-9 10:00a.m.-Mr. & Mrs. Ernie DeRaps will speak about their adventures as lighthouse keepers and his paintings.

11-9 12:00a.m.-Pot Luck Dinner and Wacky Hat Day-Pay \$1.00 to wear your wackiest hat and win a door prize. Proceeds go to the Food Pantry. Bring a dish to share. Game Day to follow.

11-12 11:30a.m.-Veteran's Appreciation Day dinner. All Veteran's are welcome.

11-14 10:00a.m.-Circuit Breaker Program. Forms will be available to those who haven't received one.

11-15 10:00a.m.-Patti Coutre from the Richmond Fire Department will speak on Fire Safety.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

12-2 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.-Christmas Party for the kids at the Fire Department. Hot Chocolate, Cookies and Santa!

12-3 10:30a.m. Leave the Senior Center. Christmas Model Train display at the Maine State Museum. Must provide own transportation. Lunch at the Red Barn Restaurant.

12-5 9:30a.m.-Monthly Planning Meeting

12-10 9:30a.m. Leave Senior Center. Candy Cane train ride from Bath to Wiscasset. Cost \$17.00/Person.

Food Pantry Hours

The Richmond Food Pantry is located at 121 Pleasant Street at the Richmond Methodist Church dining room and is open monthly the first Wednesday from 4-6p.m. and the 3rd Saturday from 2-4p.m. If you have questions you can call 607-2777 for more information.

Richmond residents can also visit the Faith Christian Church at 280 Brunswick Avenue in Gardiner. Hours are November 2nd 6-8p.m., November 11th 12-2:30p.m., November 18th 12-2:30p.m., and Saturday November 26th 9-11:00a.m.

December hours are as follows: December 7th 6-8p.m., December 16th 12-2:30p.m., December 23rd 12-2:30p.m., and December 31st 9-11:00a.m.

The pantry can be reached at 582-5432.



Winter Mailbox Reminders!

If you are replacing your box 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 and the plow will not hit it.

This winter, please remember to keep your curbside mailbox and walkway clear of snow and ice. Without your cooperation, it will be difficult for us to provide you with the kind of service that you deserve!

Code Enforcement By: Ryan Chandler

It's that time of year again. Winter is fast approaching and snow will be upon us soon. Weatherization can save you money and also improve the comfort of your home. Take into consideration these weatherproofing tips to keep your home comfortable and your utility bills to a minimum.



use them. If you don't, install plastic window film, especially on north facing windows. Don't forget to cover basement windows too.

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring penetrates through exterior walls, floors, ceilings,

and soffits over cabinets.

- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls.
- If you have storm windows,

- Wood fireplaces are notorious sources of air leaks. When the fireplace is not in use, keep the flue damper tightly closed.
- Stop under-door drafts with a rubber or vinyl door sweep along the bottom.

I hope that you find these tips to be helpful and profitable. If you have any questions about your project or about obtaining permits, please call 737-4305 ext. 205 or email: ceo@richmondmaine.com

Building Permits

NAME	ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION
Mark Fitzgerald	871 Alexander Reed Road	R04-060-12	12' x 24' Shed
Downeast Credit Union	151 Main Street	U07-038-00	Credit Union
Ronald Emmons	616 Main Street	R02-045-02	12' x 22' Carport
David Beckwith	430 Front Street	U04-001-00	Roof Over Ell
Timothy Nickerson	72 Lincoln Street	R01-070-04	12' x 24' Shed
Michael Bronn	201 Marston Road	R08-029-00	32' x 52' Ranch
Teresa Parker	8 Grants Drive	R06-002-03	(2) 8' x 8' Decks
Joleen Booth	174 River Road	R06-006-001	Home Occupation & Sign
Raymond Barto	382 River Road	R06-034-00	12' x 32' Shed
Andrea Schaper	231 Plummer Road	R04-009-22	40' x 60' Garage
Brandon McLaughlin	41 Hatch Street, Lot #26	R01-043-00	14' x 60' Mobile Home
Jean Bois	45 Marston Road	R08-037-005	Finish Home
Linda Jones	441 Brunswick Road	R04-021-00	22' x 22' Garage
David Lothridge	48 Lothridge Lane	U14-005-00	16' x 16' Shed
J. Richard Willauer	6 Baker Street	U02-030-00	Replace Shed & Porch
St. Ambrose Church	29 Kimball Street	U06-019-00	(2) Directional Signs

Plumbing Permits

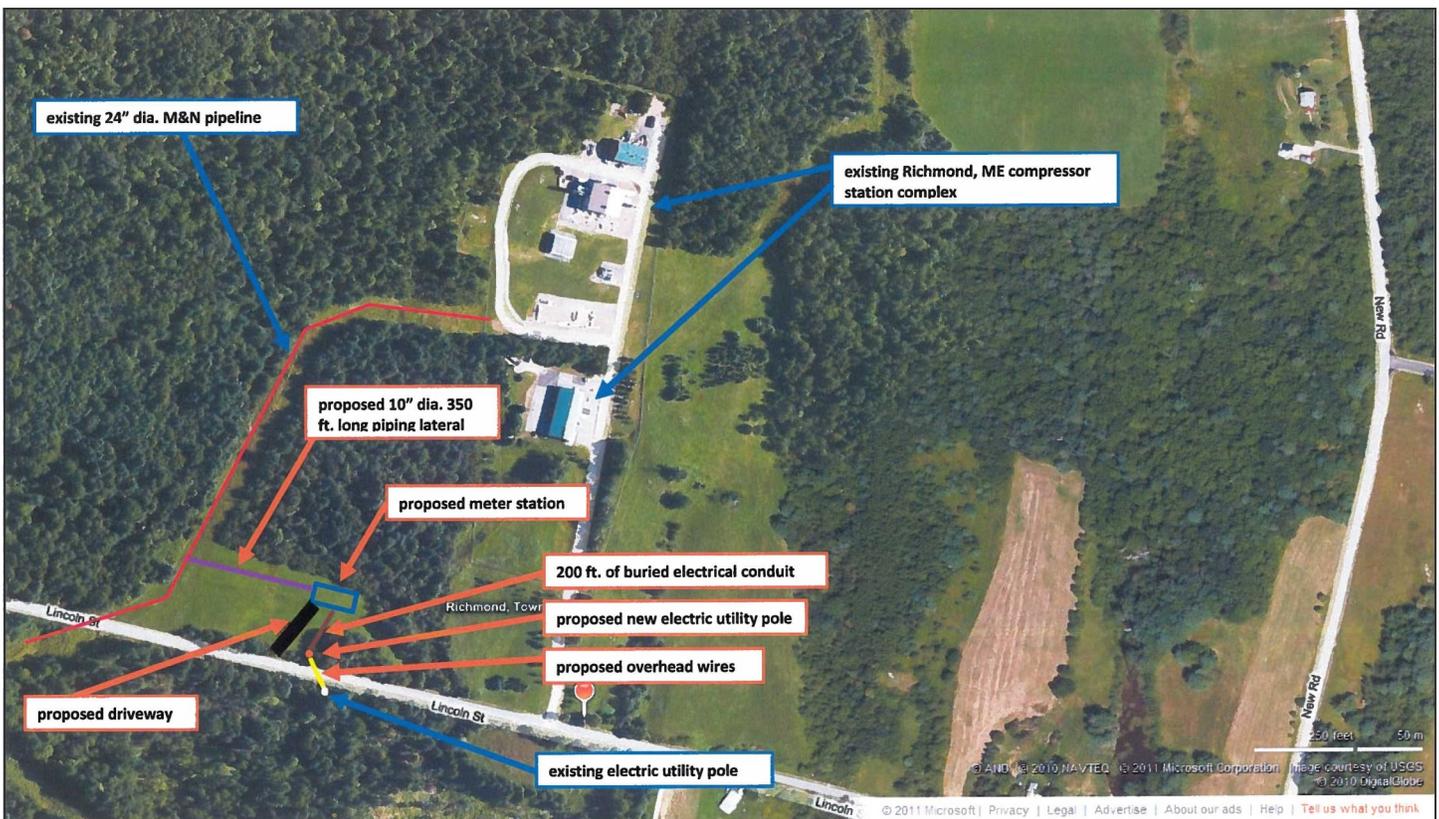
Truth Tabernacle	958 Brunswick Road	U15-015-00	Replace Septic System
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Proposed KV Gas Company Pipeline

The proposed district is approximately 2.34 acres and consists of a four-foot wide, 3.8 mile pipeline corridor located in and alongside the public ways of the Town, totaling 1.84 acres, and the .5 acre Interconnection Area which encompasses the Interconnection Station, as shown

on the map below. The KV Gas Company is requesting a TIF district from each of the 12 municipalities involved. A TIF (Tax Increment Financing) would allow the KV Gas company to have a percentage of taxes paid by KVGC on the project investment returned to them over a certain

time period. Based on estimates of 3.8 miles of pipe with 8.624" of outside diameter steel gives an estimated value of \$2,945,000, which multiplied by the current mil rate of \$13.60 would suggest a tax revenue of \$40,052.



Fireworks Survey available online!

As you well know, recent legislation has passed to allow the use and sale of fireworks in Maine. The Town currently has an ordinance from 1949 (*available on town's website*) prohibiting the use of fireworks and following Maine Statutes on the issue.

The Board of Selectmen have

had several meetings and continue to do so to get input on what regulations the residents would like set on the use and/or sale of fireworks within the Town of Richmond.

Please take a moment to fill out the quick survey on the next page and return it to the Town Office by November 16th. The survey is also

available online at:
www.richmondmaine.com.

The ordinance if amended would need to be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant in June 2012.

If you have further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office at 737-4305 ext. 208 or email at:
laurisaloon@richmondmaine.com

Survey

Tear off and return to Town Office or complete online at www.richmondmaine.com

1. Are you in favor of creating a TIF for the KV Gas Company?

- Yes
 No
 I'm Not Sure

Would you be in favor of:

- TIF A** – A TIF that all tax dollars generated (estimated \$40,000) would be reimbursed during years 1-10 at 80% (\$32,000) and the following 11-15 years at 60% (\$24,000).
 TIF B – A TIF that all tax dollars generated would be sheltered for the benefit of the Town.
 No TIF – If the project is developed, all tax dollars generated would go to the general fund.

2. Would you be in favor of allowing consumer fireworks within the town limits?

- Yes
 No
 I'm not sure

3. Would you be in favor of allowing the selling of consumer fireworks within the town limits?

- Yes
 No
 I'm not sure

3. Would you be in favor of a permit process for consumer fireworks?

- Yes
 No
 I'm not sure

4. Would you be in favor of amending the 1949 ordinance to set limits or restrictions on the use of fireworks?

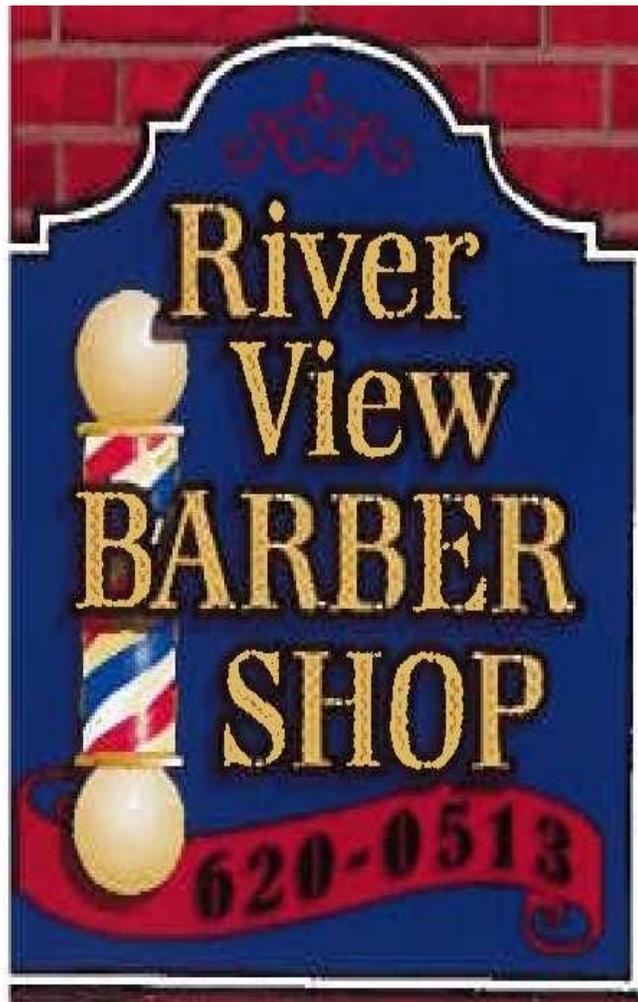
- Yes
 No
 I'm not sure

5. Are you in favor of the Town constructing a new library?

- Yes
 No
 I'm Not Sure

If so, in addition to using the existing reserve account of \$200,000+ which of the following would you support:

- Raising additional funds through grants and private donations
 Authorizing the Town to borrow additional funds
 A combination of the above



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