



**Town of
Richmond**

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**MARCH
2008**

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

Public Informational Meeting REVALUATION AND TOWN BUDGET April 17, 2008 6:00p.m. at the High School

Mark your calendars! Parker Appraisal Company has nearly completed the Re-valuation process. This public informational meeting will give residents the opportunity to understand the process and ask questions in regards to the process. The new values will be established as of April 2008. Shortly thereafter, property owners will receive notice of their new value in May. The following months, should you disagree with your new established valuation; the appeals process will allow you time to present your concerns. The property taxes in September 2008 will use the new valuation. Please remember that a Revaluation is the redistribution on property values, which assure equity among taxpayers. The town does not receive additional revenues from a Revaluation. Theoretically, one third of properties will not see a change in taxes, one third will see an increase and on third will see a drop in taxes.

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Following the Revaluation discussion, you will also get a first glimpse of the FY09 town budget. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee would like to get your input for the upcoming FY09 Town Budget. Why wait until the Town Meeting in June to share your thoughts? Come tell us in April!

TOWN OF RICHMOND JUNE ELECTIONS

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

- BUDGET COMMITTEE: 2 OPENINGS/2 YEAR TERMS**
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 2 OPENINGS/3 YEAR TERMS**
- SELECTMEN: 2 OPENINGS/3 YEAR TERMS**
- RICHMOND UTILITIES: 1 OPENING/3YEAR TERM**
- TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS: 1 OPENING/3 YEAR TERM**

Nomination papers available **March 17, 2008** and must be returned to the Town Office by **April 25, 2008**.

Elections to be held June 10, 2008 at the Richmond High School Gymnasium 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots to be opened at 8:00 p.m.



CODE ENFORCEMENT BY: DOUG MARBLE

Since the last newsletter building permits for new projects have slowed. However the Code Office has been busy out inspecting building projects permitted over the summer and fall. I have issued six Certificates of Occupancy's for new Single Family Homes since December, which are located around Town on Brunswick Road, Langdon Road and Beedle Road.

The State of Maine DEP's, mandatory shore land zoning changes that were put into law in 2006, had a deadline of June of 2008 for Towns across Maine to adopt the new standards. This deadline has been extended to June 2009. The reason for the deadline extension is because the Maine DEP has asked Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) to reevaluate the wetland habitats which were- updated in 2006 from the old designation done in 1990. This "Moderate and High Value" designation by IF&W requires the Town to place the land into Resource Protection which makes the land unable to be built on. By October of this year you will be sent a notice if your land is affected by the new IF&W designation.

I have had some requests come into my office lately about clarifying property line disputes. I want to notify land-owners that the Town has no legal authority to enforce private property line boundaries. Landowners in a property line dispute must seek legal help through a legal attorney or licensed surveyor.

Spring is right around the corner, and I would like to remind you about erosion control practices. If you have been involved in a construction, earth moving or landscaping project since last fall or plan to start one this year; please notice that you are required to use erosion control devices to eliminate any soil erosion from occurring on your property. If you are using a "Silt Fence" be sure you bury the "flap" on the bottom of the fabric into the earth in the shape of an "L" with the foot of the "L" buried in the earth, this forces the runoff water through the fabric and all sediment material is stopped from passing through the fabric. If you use hay bales be sure to dig a trench 4 inches deep and place the hay bales in the trench, again this forces the water through the hay bale and filters the water. You need to perform regular inspections to ensure that the fence is still working correctly; usually damage occurs during storm and wind events.

I look forward to seeing all of you who are going to be involved with a construction project this upcoming building season.

You can reach me at the Town Office Tuesday through Friday 8am-4pm at phone #737-4305 ext. 205.

Town Applies for CDBG Grant \$500,000.

Last month at a Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting a State of Maine 2008 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant for \$500,000.00 with a community match of \$210,000.00 for a total project cost of \$710,000.00 was approved. The purpose of the grant application is to continue streetscape, sidewalks, crosswalks, parking and street light improvements in the village. There are five zones in which the Downtown Revitalization Improvements will take place. Area 1: Streetscape and sidewalks along Main Street from the RBMC to Post Office; Area 2: Streetscape and Crosswalks along Main Street from the Post Office to Front Street; Area 3-Streetscape and Parking lots along Front Street from Town Landing to Ames Building; Area 4-Sidewalk extension along the west side of Front Street from Town Landing to Tulip Street. Area 5 Lane Field, Alexander Reed Road-Kimball St. Area 1 would consist of enhancing the RBMC area addressing streetscape and landscaping. Area 2 im-

provements would be sidewalks/crosswalks, sidewalks from Kimball to the Alexander Reed Road to Main to Pleasant and Baker Street. Area 3 to extend lighting behind the Ames Mill and up towards Front Street, creating parking at the corner of Weymouth and Front Street. Area 4 to be repair of sidewalks adding trash cans and benches. Area five to be pocket park improvements, Lane Field and sidewalks -Alexander Reed Road-Kimball to Main Street.) The Downtown project will take place beginning June 2008 through September 2009.

Proposed Lane Field Improvements:



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY: DARRYL STERLING



Town of Richmond Maine

On the tidewater of the Kennebec



Town Park Gazebo



The Snow Piles up in Winter of 2008

A Wonderful Place to Live and to Visit



CLICK HERE

New Website

Can you recognize any of the captions and photos above, if so, then you have visited our new website. The new website will contain as much information as possible such as; notices of meetings, board and committee agendas, minutes, as well as links to state and federal agencies, downloadable forms, not to mention IN-COLOR versions of our own "Mainely Richmond!"

Attention all Business Owners! We have a special section just for you! All businesses are listed at no cost! Do you want to include more information, then a special one page site which would include photos, descriptions, price lists, links, maps, etc., maintained by you is available for \$125.00 a year! Please feel free to contact Laurisa at 737-4305 ext. 208 with any questions. Let us know what you like, dislike, or what you would like to see added. A website is always a work in progress and we want to make sure it keeps you informed about your town government. So Keep in touch.



Thanks to Tim and Cathy Acord for making it possible to have a beautiful clock displayed in our village. The cost of the clock was split between the Acords and the Town.

Richmond's Resolution to "Go Green"



Selectman Seth Goodall and Selectman Leighton Carver replace the a light bulb at the town office with an energy efficient bulb. On Thursday, February 21, 2008 the Board of Selectmen signed a "Resolution to Go Green." The board will strive to develop policy, codes, ordinances and programs that encourage residents/business owners to pursue green practices. The town will strive to replace light bulbs, equip facilities with recycling bins, purchase energy efficient equipment and goods made out of recycled products, reduce energy consumption and emissions, and pursue renewable energy.

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Tim and Cathy accepting a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen Thursday February 21st.

WORDS FROM THE UMBERHINE LIBRARY

We have had the good fortune to have several volunteers who have chosen to help out at the library. Barbara Srock, Carol Smith, Faith Bailey, Dorothy Henry, Sandy Potter and Ana Merrill are so helpful and we appreciate everything they have done. They are straightening the stacks, setting up displays and helping us plan a spaghetti supper for the end of April. Thanks to all of them.

We are conducting brainstorm meetings to come up with ideas to raise money for the new library. Watch future newsletters for

more information on some of our plans. We welcome ideas from anyone and you can attend one of these meetings so come into the library to find out when these meeting are scheduled.

We have information available at the library on our new building. There are building plans here and we would be glad to discuss them with anyone who is interested. Note some of our new arrivals to the right to list just a few. Please come in to see what else we might have that would be of interest



to you and always try to take a moment to talk with our patrons. On going events: Book Discussion Group, Brainstorming, Volunteer Meetings, Story Hour and Building Committee Meetings. We are happening place, come see us!

"You see I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence and that's the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians."

SWANGO DESIGNS PRESENTS

A FASHION SHOW MAY 6TH UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD GOAT!



Joining in with Richmond Businesses to kick off summer on the Kennebec. May 6, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. upstairs at the Old Goat Pub. Six models representing age groups from 20-30, 30-40 and 40+ will be wearing ensembles specifically tailored for them. Garments on exhibit will

range from newly constructed pieces to more artistic pieces created from "previously loved" garments. Vintage buttons & Retro fabrics show up frequently in both clothing designs, purses and handbags offered.

Terrie offers a variety of styles in simple summer tops, skirts and dresses and lightweight and unstructured summer jackets into tailored jackets and fabric art pieces and accessories. Garments in the swimsuit and

lingerie category will be available for attendees to view or private home parties may be scheduled. A catalog/portfolio of designs will represent pieces which can be special ordered or purchased online through PayPal shopping cart services from the swangomaine.com website. Pieces may currently be purchased through the Blue Moose storefront on Main Street in Richmond. Be looking for Swango Designs in other local shops soon.

RICHMOND DAYS! LET THE FUND RAISING BEGIN

"WILD WAVE" ON THE KENNEBEC: RICHMOND'S TALL SHIPS HERITAGE

WHAT: A Benefit Concert

WHY: RICHMOND DAYS- Featured performers will be Kat Logan and Jim Loney, followed by the sea music group Roll & Go. Free light refreshments will be available as well as a cash bar. Admission \$10.00 This will be wonderful evening of entertainment that the whole family can enjoy.

WHEN: Sunday April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Railway Café, Main Street

Local Events!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GOAT

A series of wine tasting events starting March 27th with Heidi Huard of Pinestate conducting the first Wine Party and the Wine 101 course with Tracy Tuttle catering-this will be the first of four planned evenings. Contact the Old Goat for tickets.

As always don't forget to check out musical entertainment Friday and Saturday nights at the Old Goat Pub on Main Street.

Seeya at The Goat!!

TAKING PANES

Artists Breathe New Life into Old Windows

Gala Party:

March 16th 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

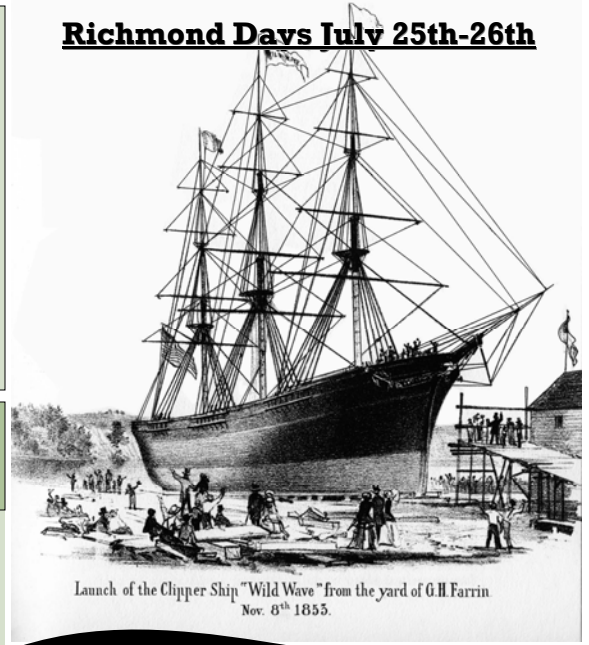
Where:

Ames Mill
307 Front Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, ME 04357

"Look at the weathered mill windows with wavy glass panes!" A collaborative art project began. Nearly one hundred artists from across Maine were invited to take a window and to create an art piece. Old windows had been replaced with new ones at the historic Ames Mill at 307 Front Street in Richmond. Artists took the windows to their studios where they are being transformed into modern art works-the more imaginative, the better. The owners of the Ames Mill graciously donated the entire top floor for the upcoming exhibit, Taking Panes. Hopefully the wide diversity and historic scope will attract many visitors. "Bring your neighbors!"

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Richmond Days July 25th-26th



Launch of the Clipper Ship "Wild Wave" from the yard of G.H. Farrin
Nov. 8th 1855.

Calling all Creative Minds

The Richmond Days Committee will be counting on more volunteers to be working with us as July draws closer. We welcome early participation in our planning and volunteer activities. We are now holding meetings at 5:00p.m. every other Thursday at the Town Office. So join in on the fun, to confirm our next meeting please call 737-2187 or 737-8635.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE HOUR

"PANIC AT THE PROM"

TO BENEFIT PROJECT GRADUATION

APRIL 5, 2007

Richmond High School Cafeteria

Advanced Tickets: \$12.00

At the door: \$15.00

Seating will be at 5:30p.m.

Dinner and show start at 6:00p.m.

For tickets and information contact:

Allyson Miller at 737-2756

Cathy Williams at 737-2211



**The
Selectmen's
Corner**

SELECTMAN BURT BATTY

BURT CAN BE REACHED AT BBSAILING@VERIZON.NET OR 737-8453

The Town is almost eight months into a completed year which began last July. A lot has happened since our last town meeting and I believe we are "on the right track" toward moving our community forward. This progress would not be possible if it were not for the contributions of our citizens, businesses, employees, boards and committee members.

On the business side we have seen the Old Goat Pub turned into the "new" Old Goat Pub with its recent move into the beautifully renovated Northeast Bank building; the opening of the Royal Gallery next to the Blue Moose and the coming to town of Hodgdon Yachts. These recent business improvements certainly

speak well of the "rich" environment in Richmond!

We have also been on the move with the improvements made the sidewalks, crosswalks, new signs in the Waterfront Park, Tim Acord's new town clock and façade improvements to several buildings on Main Street. Improvements are expected to continue in the Village this year with approval for additional State grant funds. Also, the Umberhine Library Trustees have been hard at work designing a new library for the community and planning a fundraising campaign.

The Town recently received a \$20,000. State grant for use in improving the boat pump-out station at the harbor dock, through June 2009. The grant will also be used for hiring an attendant to provide services to boaters during the summer season. The Waterfront Park Committee has recommended that the Town apply for a State Harbor and Shoreline Grant to plan future improvements for our waterfront area. Some of the improvements identified include a permanent restroom building, expanded parking for boat trailers, addi-

tional lighting for the park and docks, guest moorings for visiting boats and a clearly marked channel. In the early spring, the State will announce the availability of application grant funds for riverfront communities like Richmond to "revitalize their riverfronts in an environmentally friendly manner. The Waterfront Park Committee will review the application process when it becomes available. The Committee will also present ideas, for the Town to consider, regarding changes to our Harbor Ordinances and a zoning change for the Richmond Waterfront Park and nearby marina.

The Towns of Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham have agreed to submit a joint application to the State for a planning grant, which will identify combined services in each town with the objective of reducing the tax burden in each of the three communities.

As you can see, there is a quite a bit going on in Richmond. We are now beginning to prepare the 2008-09 budget. The budget planning process will take us to the end of April. The budget will be finalized in May in time for our June Town Meeting.

SELECTMAN SETH GOODALL

SETH CAN BE REACHED AT SAGOODALL@YAHOO.COM OR 737-4797



**The
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Corner**

The Selectboard recently created and appointed five members to the Land Use Ordinance Committee. The five members are Planning Board members Nicole Briand and Tom Nugent, Board of Appeals Chair, Dana Sullivan and Selectboard members Leighton Carver and Seth Goodall.

Land use ordinances are forever evolving due to the complex nature of property uses, development and zoning. Our Codes Enforcement Officer, Doug Marble, as well as, the Planning Board and local citizens, have identified problems with specific sections of the ordinance,

including applicability, workability, conflicting policy between provisions, and language ambiguity.

The Committee is striving to clarify the ordinances so that they are legally applicable and understandable for our citizens and property owners. Most importantly, the ordinances must promote smart growth that protects our rural character and strong sense of community, while also encouraging business development.

It is the intent of the Committee to meet twice a month, holding a morning and evening meeting. The meetings will be

posted in advance and held at the Town Office, unless otherwise noted.

The Committee is working to improve the ordinances based on input from all four corners of town, including residents and business owners. It is important that all voices are heard so that Richmond's future development moves forward under a unified plan.

SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION IS MOVING FORWARD

The Regional Planning Committee (RPC) for school regionalization of Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth and Richmond has given an official name to the proposed school union-K.I.D.S., short for Kennebec Intra-District Schools. The RPC will hold an informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 12th at the Richmond High School to update Richmond on the regionalization process.

K.I.D.S. has its own website, www.kidsrsu.org, where you can find general information, meeting minutes, a calendar of events, FAQ's, contact information and an email list serve.

The RPC is diligently working to resolve the remaining issues surrounding regionalization. The plan must be completed and submitted to the Department of Education by March 28, 2008.

One of the issues currently being addressed is blending together the

school finances for the five towns. The RPC is working on a draft policy regarding "Standards of Operation." The draft contains two distinct categories:

1. Operating Standards-standards once operational on 7/1/09; and
2. Transition Standards-rules and guidelines for facilitating a successful transition into the new RSU.

The members of the RPC continue to demonstrate their shared philosophy of quality education, agreeing that a common standard between schools will ensure that every student will have the same basic level of facilities, technology, and programming available.

With a standard principle in place each community can assess the short and long term impact on their local cost structure. Once completed, this information will allow

the RPC to develop plans to make sure every school, across all five towns, meets the standards.

In addition to the administrative aspects, RPC members also are examining potential educational benefits. Possibilities include enhancing education through course offerings, shared instructors, courses via the internet and video, shared co-curricular activities, technology integration and subject application, early college dual enrollments, alternative education programming, drop-out prevention, shared "targeted need" subjects and hard to find subject teachers (World Languages, Calculus, Physics), ATM courses and Advanced Placement staff.

Please feel free to contact your Richmond representatives, Nancy Jodoin (737-4792), Seth Goodall (737-4797) or O'Neil Laplante (737-2795) with concerns or questions.

CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Town of Richmond receives about \$12,000. annually in franchise fees from Time Warner Cable. These funds are to be used for the betterment of the Richmond Schools and the Community in one or more of four categories: education, community, citizenship and communication. Organizations and groups are encouraged to submit applications. In the past funds have been awarded to various special projects at the Rich-

mond Schools, field trips, repairs to the Enterprise Grange building, repairs to historic buildings on Swan Island, Richmond Days, freezers for a local food bank, and so forth. Awards have ranged from \$100 to \$2,500., with the typical grant being \$500. to \$1,000. The Richmond Cable Committee is responsible for the allocation of this money to organizations and groups within the community. Applications are accepted by the Cable Committee

twice a year by the 3rd Wednesday of November and by the 3rd Wednesday of April. Funding applications may be obtained from the Richmond Town Office. Interested organizations and groups are encouraged to submit applications. The next deadline for accepting applications is Wednesday April 16, 2008.

Reminder: Applications are at the Richmond Town Office and are due April 16, 2008!



SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS



ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2008

3/8/07: Portland Flower Show (Leave the Senior Center at 8:45 a.m.) Cost for show \$10.00. Sign up at the Town Office-Reservations must be made by February 25th-Place for lunch to be announced.

3/12/08: St. Patrick's Day Party Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. at the Shepherd of Faith. Boiled dinner served at 11:30a.m., Music by Peter Walsh. Game Day follows.

3/17/08: Blood Pressure Screening sponsored by the Richmond Health Center, Pam Lindvall, RN at the Senior Center. Bring a friend, information regarding your reading will be provided.

3/22/08: Maple Syrup Breakfast at Goranson's Farm, 250 River Road, Dresden. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, homemade sausage, home fries and coffee. Carpool from the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. (Price to be determined contact Betty at the Senior Center 737-2161).

3/25/08: 10:00 a.m.-Town Manager, Thomas Fortier will be at the Senior Center to address subjects of interest to seniors.

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2008

4/8/08: 10:00-12:00p.m.-Mary Kelley, LC., PC., will present "Support for the Supporters." If you are living with someone who has mental and/or physical challenges then plan to attend to hear about ways to reduce stress and feel peaceful in the midst of caring for someone you love who is less able to care for themselves.

4/12/08: Hollywood Slots and Bangor Mall. Transportation is provided by Stagecoach and leaving at 8:30a.m. return at 5:30p.m. Cost \$20.00; You can go to the slot parlor and the mall if you wish its your choice. To make this trip possible we need 30 people so please sign up at the Town Office by April 17th.

4/15-29/08: 10:00 a.m.-Go Down Memory Lane, the Marcia Buker 3rd graders will be at the Senior Center to ask seniors questions about their lives when they were young. Due to the size of the class 22 students will come in on each date.

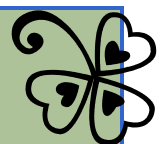
ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 2008

5/3/08: 9:00a.m.-Join us for a trip to the "Planetarium" for a beautiful show of the planet and stars. Cost \$4.00 per person. Lunch will be at the Country Buffet and is on your own. Please sign up at the town office by April 22nd.

5/17/08: 9:30 a.m.-Meet the Alpacas at the softest farm in Maine. Winters Gone Farm, Wiscasset, Maine. Carpool from the senior center. Lunch in Wiscasset. Free Admission

5/28/08: 11:30-12:30p.m.-Dinner in honor of Mother and Fathers Day. The Senior Center will put on a spaghetti dinner to honor all Mothers and Fathers on their special day. All seniors are welcome. Game Day will follow, donations welcome.

"Life is too short for drama and pretty things, so kiss slowly, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly."



SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS



RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER IS YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

WINTER HOURS
MON-TUES 8:00-1:00 P.M.
WED-8:00-3:00 P.M.
The Center will be open for scheduled activities
Closed Snow Days!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bridge Tutors Mondays

9:30 a.m. Learn the art of playing bridge

Planning Meeting

The first Monday of each month
9:30 a.m.

Bring your Ideas.

Game Day Wednesday

12:30- to closing

Refreshments Served

Pot Luck Dinners

Once a month

Thursday afternoon

Bridge Ladies

2008 Marks the 31st year that the Richmond Area Health Center (RAHC) has provided medical care to area residents. The health center recently expanded and updated its facilities so that we can provide a comfortable and modern setting in which to treat our patients.

We are here to serve the people that are looking for a doctor's office close to home. We do not offer emergency medical services, nor are we a walk-in clinic; you must make an appointment if you wish to see one of our doctors. The health center is an outpatient practice that provides a range of medical services including:

- Adult & Child immunizations and flu shots.
- Short/Long term illness care.
- Routine checkups for the whole family.
- Diabetic care and education.
- Minor office surgery.
- Podiatry.
- School and sports physicals.
- Smoking cessation.

In addition, RAHC maintains referral relationships with the area's hospitals including MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta, Parkview Hospital and Mid-Coast Hospital in Brunswick and Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston. We also connect patients with local health re-

sources and sponsor blood pressure clinics.

RAHC is committed to providing care to our patients. We offer an Affordable Care Program that may reduce the amount that you pay for health care. Applications are available at the health center and you may apply even if you have health insurance. We also have a Prescription Assistance Program that can help you apply to receive prescription medications at little or no cost.

Richmond Area Health Center is part of the HealthReach Community Health Centers family. To make an appointment or to learn more about what the health center can do for you, call (207)737-4359.

HealthReach Community Health Centers is a system of eleven federally qualified, community-based health centers located in central and western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high-quality, affordable healthcare to 36,000 underserved residents in over 80 rural communities. HealthReach is a private, non-profit organization with a 30-year history, funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations. For further information on HealthReach, visit www.HealthReachCHC.org.

MARCH 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

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- > 3/10/08 Fire Dept. 6:30p
- > 3/11/08 Planning Board 6:00p.m.
- > 3/12/08 RSU Mtg. 7:00p
- > 3/13/08 Richmond Days 5:00p
- > 3/13/08 Budget Committee 6:00p
- > 3/13/08 Selectmen 7:00p
- > 3/16/08 Taking Panes 10-4p
- > 3/17/08 Fire Dept. 6:30p
- > 3/24/08 Fire Dept. 6:30p
- > 3/27/08 Richmond Days 5:00p
- > 3/27/08 Budget Comm. 6:00p
- > 3/27/08 Selectmen 7:00p

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

- > 3/1/08 Auction at the Goat
- > 3/3/08 Waterfront Committee 7:00p
- > 3/3/08 Fire Dept 6:30p
- > 3/4/08 CDBG Loan 6:00p
- > 3/4/08 Town Meeting 6:00p
- > 3/10/08 Economic Development 7:00p.m.

REMINDER: TAXES DUE MAY 10, 2008

CHAPMANS DISCOUNT TACK & SUPPLY



I started riding when I was 3 years old! My mother would hook a lead to my horse while she rode hers and would take me on some wonderful trail rides! I look back

and know that must have been the start of my horse career! I worked with my mother doing rail rides and riding lessons for the public. It was a wonderful career until about ten years ago when I closed the stable and went for my other dream....running a tack store! I opened my store at first in the old stable in 2005 but when I sold it, I moved to a small place in Gardiner, I found I needed a larger spot and that was when I moved to Richmond. I opened up the first February in 2007 and I have been convers-

ing with horse people ever since and enjoying it very much! There is always a lot of talk and action when it comes to talking about horses!

Chapman's Discount is located at 37 Main Street. Hours are from Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Items included but not limited to horse blankets, saddles, halters, bridles, medicines, shampoos and many more items! I can be reached at 737-2100 or email at carolynchap@verizon.net

		<p>37 MAIN STREET RICHMOND, ME 04357 207-737-2100</p> <p>Carolyn E. Chapman carolynchap@verizon.net</p>
		
<p>Chapman's Discount Tack & Supply</p> <p>"MONEY SAVED WITH US IS MONEY EARNED"</p>		

APRIL 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

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- > 4/10/08 Budget Comm. 6:00p
- > 4/10/08 Selectmen 7:00p
- > 4/14/08 Fire Dept 6:30p
- > 4/14/08 Economic Dev. 7:00p
- > 4/17/08 Revaluation/Budget Public Hearing 6:00p
- > 4/20/08 Concert @ Railway 7:00p.m.
- > 4/21/08 Office Closed
- > 4/22/08 Planning Board 6:00p
- > 4/24/08 Richmond Days 5:00p
- > 4/24/08 Budget Committee 6:00p
- > 4/24/08 Selectmen 7:00p
- > 4/28/08 Fire Dept. 6:30p

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

- > 4/1/08 CDBG Comm. 6:00p
- > 4/7/08 Waterfront 7:00p
- > 4/7/08 Fire Dept 6:30p
- > 4/8/08 Planning Board 6:00p.m.
- > 4/10/08 Richmond Days 5:00p

Applications for Homestead Exemption & Veteran Exemption must be on file before April 1, 2008 Questions call 737-4305 ext. 201

Light Trucking & Trash Removal

Kevin Smith
14 Langdon Road
Richmond, ME 04357
737-8470

Your Locally Owned Trash Company

Reasonable Rates

Prompt Friendly Service

RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER


Please call for an appointment. 24 Gardiner Street
Richmond, Maine
Phone: 737-4359
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MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham awarded two \$1,000. Scholarships in May 2007. The first went to David Stratton of Bowdoinham who is attending the University of Southern Maine at Gorham, Maine, the second went to Rianna Sidelinger of Richmond who is attending the New England School of Communications at Bangor, Maine.

The Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham will again be awarding two \$1,000. Scholarships in May 2008. One will go to a student who lives in Bowdoin/Bowdoinham. The other will go to a student in Richmond. These scholarships are for high school students pursuing advanced education beyond grade 12, have good moral character, have a financial need and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications must be received by April 15, 2008. For an application and/or more information, email Arthur V. Chapman at: chapmancpa@suscom-maine.net or call 666-3280.

RICHMOND SENIOR GROUP

By: Pauline Beasley

We have been very busy in the community plowing, sanding and shoveling our Seniors this winter we would like to thank everyone for all the donations. We have enjoyed several trips over the winter including our foliage trip, our annual shopping trip to New Hampshire, the Monmouth Theatre to see "On Golden Pond," and Disney on Ice this past February.

Don't forget lunch and game day is held each Tuesday at the Historical building on Pleasant Street!

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA AWARENESS / PREPAREDNESS SESSIONS

Josh Frances from Southern Maine Regional Resource Center will discuss federal, state and local pandemic influenza planning efforts as well as discuss the nature of this public health threat. Josh will also discuss personal preparedness and strategies to building your individual or family emergency preparedness kit. Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency will have "Preparing for Pandemic Flu" pocket guides available as well. This program will take 1 hour with ample time for open discussion and a Q and A session. Following are the dates, times and locations of these events.

THURSDAY: March 6th, Midcoast American Red Cross from 6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.

TUESDAY: March 11th, West Bath Fire Department from 6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.

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Richmond Utilities District

Over the past two years the Richmond Utilities District, through the cooperation of our users has been able to significantly reduce flows to the Treatment plant during wet weather events. In 2007 flows reached the point of overflowing twice, in 2005 and 2006 there were over 40 overflows of the Districts treatment plant and pumping facilities. In the fall of 2007 the Utilities District met with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and presented an Inflow & Infiltration study that the District and Sevee & Maher Engineers had conducted in 2007. The DEP was very satisfied and impressed with the volume of flows that the District was able remove. Flows from a 2.5" rain storm are now a third of what they were before the study. The District attributes the bulk of the flow reduction to the removal of illegal connections throughout the collection system and to the storm water improvements that the Town of Richmond had made in the summer and fall of 2006.

Recently the District has seen flows start to increase once again during wet weather events. The District is trying to identify where the flows are coming from, one though that we have is that people may be starting to re-introduce their cellar drains and sump pumps into the sewer system. The District realizes that there is a heavy snow pack this season and a lot of customers are having troubles with the sump pump hoses that may have been left out on the lawns this fall. It may seem easy to reconnect the basement drain/sump pumps to the sewer system, but users need to understand the environmental impact that has further down the stream. One sump pump can put out up to 30 gallons of clean water per minute. When you add clean ground water to the sewer system it causes the over flow of sewerage. The ultimate problem is that the wastewater treatment and pumping facilities were not designed to handle ground water and storm water flows. If the District is unsuccessful at reducing wet weather flows by the end of 2008 the Maine Department of Environmental Protection could require the District to upgrade our facilities to be able to handle peak flows during rain events. These improvements would likely cost several million dollars and would be paid for through rate increases. The District strives to keep the sewer rates down and not having to pump and treat clean ground/storm water.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your cellar drainage system the District asks that you contact us so that we can document the problem and come up with a long term solution. 737-2024

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