

Happy New Year!

JANUARY

2008

LET'S WELCOME NEW BUSINESS TO RICHMOND!



New businesses have opened in downtown Richmond. The Royall Gallery celebrated its Grand Opening on December 7, 2007. Founder, Patricia Royall will carry a line of interior furnishings and fine gifts, including specialty greeting cards, vintage jewelry, antiques, oriental rugs and a line of Maine Maritime and New England Books, as well as Children's Books and Teacher's Guides by Tilbury House Publishers.

Other nearby establishments also joined in the evening celebration: Ed Mackenzie-Gallery 54, the Blue Moose Art Emporium and the newly renovated "Old Goat" Pub.

Keep an eye out for more businesses coming to town. As always we try to feature a Richmond business in each edition so turn to page 15 to learn more about The Texas Barbeque Company the most recent edition to our Community.



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Code Enforcement By: Doug Marble

I would like to start by informing you that the Town of Richmond building permit fees, Sign Fees and Appeals Board fees will be changing on January 1, 2008. Please see the new fees listed out on this page. I also want to inform you that the State of Maine DEP has finalized the "Control of emissions for outside wood boilers", which applies to the manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, installers and users of Outside Wood Boiler's (OWB).

These regulations became effective November 9, 2007; under the authority of 38 M.R.S.A. ss585-A, ss610-B, and is enforced by the Maine DEP Air Bureau.

I will only highlight the standards for the OWB that are NOT certified; and which can be purchased new at a dealer through April 1, 2008 and purchased second hand through private sales.

1. No person shall install an OWB: unless the OWB is located at least 250ft from the nearest property line.

2. No person shall install an OWB closer than 500ft from the property line of a school, daycare or health-care facility.

3. No person shall install or operate an OWB unless, the stack height is 10ft above grade or; two feet higher than the peak of the roof served by the OWB if an abutting residence is located less than 500ft from the OWB.

4. In the case of no structure, (e.g. swimming pool or hot tub) the owner/operator of the OWB shall extend the stack 2ft higher than the peak of the nearest building to the OWB.

5. The Maine DEP is allowing the sale of NEW non-certified OWB if they are received in Maine before 4/1/08.

6. The certification is mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Outdoor wood-fired hydronic heater program.

7. Rain cap prohibition, no person shall operate a new OWB using a rain cap unless this device is required by the manufacturer

8. No person shall cause or allow the emissions of a smoke plume from ANY OWB to exceed 30% opacity.

9. All dealers must provide buyers with a copy of this regulation and a written notice at time of sale.

10. Third party private sales, new owner must follow the setback and stack height requirements.

<u>Appeals Board Fee's</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Appeals Board Application for a Variance	\$100.00
Applicant responsible for postage and advertisement cost if public hearing is needed.	
<i>(Anyone believing this fee will create a financial hardship may ask for a waiver from the Town Manager.)</i>	
<u>Code Enforcement Officer Permit Fee's</u>	
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.
Application for permit in the Shore land	\$50.00 before reviewing
Structure's in the Shore land Zone ADD	\$50.00 added to reg. fee
<i>(These permits require more CEO time to inspect and issue)</i>	
Application for Non-Conforming Structure	\$50.00
Minimum Building Permit Fee (application fee)	\$20.00
Plumbing Permit	\$24.00 or \$6.00/Fixture
	\$20.00 if fails inspection
Home Occupation Permit	\$25.00
Sign Permit	\$10.00

Economic & Community Development By: Darryl Sterling

MORE FAÇADE RENOVATIONS ON MAIN STREET

BEFORE

AFTER



Main Street sidewalks are almost complete! Look forward to this spring for final finish work. As always keep an eye out for new improvements happening around town and on Main Street, (*Hint: Tick, Tock, Tick Tock....*) more good news to come, stay tuned for future announcements. Downtown revitalization activities are still happening over the winter months. Look for more façade improvements and other surprises.

Thank you to all the businesses who participated in the Holiday Cheer. We would like to congratulate Dari Hurley of Hurley & Associates the winner of the best "Classic Holiday" Display! Honorable mention goes to the Railway Café and the Dairy Treat!

Best wishes to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year!



SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

We have had a busy and exciting year. I have had the pleasure of working with Tom Fortier our new Town Manager, who is very supportive of our Program. We moved out of the Town Office into our new home in June. We are all happy here; it feels like our second home. I wish everyone could be here to see the smiles and enjoy the laughter that takes place in our beautiful center. Please drop in and pay us a visit. We are proud to show our home away from home. Thank you, Gary and Roberta Nash for our new place at 314 Front Street.

We need to thank those who have made 2007 a successful year for fund raising. We sold calendars this year that included pictures of Old Richmond. Dick and Janice Ashcroft had the difficult job of composing the calendars. Mertie Wisda made us a beautiful quilt that we raffled. For the Richmond Days Raffle, Murray Collier built birdhouses, Dick Ashcroft made a framed picture of a ship that was built in Richmond. Gisela Dearborn and Joyce Prindall crocheted afghan's for us to raffle. Dick, Jan, Mertie, Joyce, Gisela and Murray spent many hours on these items and we need to give them a special Thank You. During Richmond days we had a big raffle and many seniors donated many items. It is all of us working and having fun together that makes all that we do so successful. Thank You; to all the

business's that has given help in 2007. We had several dinners this year and we are always blessed to have a full house attending. We have taken many trips this year and all of those have been well received. We enjoyed Craft Day with June Seigars and Terri Parker as instructors. Nancy Cote instructed us in Chair Yoga and she is willing to do so again in 2008. Our Open House was a huge success with about 100 people attending. Through the generosity of many people, we have a Senior Center to be proud of. Terri Parker we love the stained glass piece in our window, Thank You. The American Legion was once again very generous to the Senior Program, thank you Lady's Auxillary for the enjoyable evening. Our Special thanks to Pam Lindvall, Cindy Dowd, Betty and Bradley Moody, Rose and Roland Nadeau, Dick LaChance, Thomas Fortier, Ed Mackenzie, Andy Pierce, Dave Thompson, Ida Sweeney and Dick Pickett for your generous donations. Last but not least thank you to Joyce Pinkham and Joyce Prindall for baking every Game Day. Please know that I thank all seniors that help me even when I don't ask. Without their help we could not accomplish all that we do.

Thank you everyone,
Betty Pratt & The Golden Oldies.

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

To insure the safety of our Senior's there will be no scheduled trips for January and February.

We are looking for an artist who would like to come to the Center and teach art to the Seniors. We are interested in water or oil paints. Please call us or leave a message at 737-2161 if your are interested.

SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

Quilt Raffle: Congratulations to Christine Lamoreau the winner of our Quilt raffle held on October 31st.

Shepherd of Faith Food Bank needs our help! We have filled and delivered two large containers of food for those in need. If you would like to help us to fill another container, please come in to the Senior Center with your donation. We appreciate your help.

AARP Income tax returns prepared at the Center-February 21st. 6 Slots Open

(8:00-9:00-10:00 a.m.) and (12:00-1:00-2:00 p.m.) First Come First Serve!

You must sign up for this service at the Town Office-Limited Slots- You will need to bring the following information: (A) Las years tax returns, (B) Copies of all W-2, 1099 Forms and proof of other income received by you and your spouse, (C) Social Security cards or Individual Tax Identification (ITIN) cards or ITIN letters for you and your spouse and any others show on the tax return.

The Golden Oldies opened the Senior Center on December 7th to serve hot chocolate and snacks for those attending the annual lighting of Richmond's Christmas Tree.

This year we joyfully adopted two families for Christmas. We provided the children with clothes and toys. The families were given turkey dinner baskets.

ACTIVIITIES FOR JANUARY 2008

1/7/08: Monthly Planning Meeting 9:30 a.m.

1/16/08: Pot Luck Dinner 11:00 a.m. (Lunch Served at 11:30 a.m.) Please bring a dish to share with others. This is open to all seniors. Game Day follows.

1/23/08: Winter Safe Driving Class (Free) 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Instructor Pete Lamarre, Game Day follows at 12:30 p.m., refreshments served.

ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2008

2/1 thru 2/15/07: Join in the Fun, in an effort to raise money for fuel assistance for needy Richmond residents, we will hold a contest for the ugliest tie for men and the ugliest hat for women. Cost to enter will be \$5.00. Cost to vote .50 or more if you wish. We will choose two people to wear the ugliest for one day. Winner will be announced on February 16th at our Pot-Luck Dinner. Betty Horning will be in charge of this contest. Check with her for further details.

2/5/08: Dr. James LaVallee Chiropractor "Living with a Healthy Back" at the Senior Center, lunch served at 11:30 am. -This presentation is open to the General Public.

2/13/08: Valentine Party & Pot Luck Dinner at the Senior Center, 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:30a.m., bring a dish to share with others, open to all seniors-Game Day follows.

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2008

3/8/07: Portland Flower Show Leave 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 & Pot Luck Dinner, 11:00 a.m., lunch served at 11:30a.m., Please bring a dish to share with others, Open to all seniors, Game Day follows

Helping Neighbors with Skyrocketing Heating Cost By: Seth Goodall

In prior articles, I have touched on the community spirit and volunteerism that brings us together as a town. That spirit and volunteerism is needed now more than ever for many of our residents.

Energy costs are skyrocketing without any serious relief in sight. On December 11th, the Portland Press Herald reported oil is .87 cents higher this year than last, averaging \$3.20 per gallon statewide. State officials predict that each Maine household will spend \$2,750. this year on heat.

Yes, the cost of fuel is mainly a federal issue that we have no control over, but each of us can keep an eye out for those most in need. Many people, such as our senior citizens, live on fixed incomes requiring them to make choices this time of year between prescription drugs, food and heating fuel. Lending a helping hand can make a big difference, whether it be cooking a hot meal, donating warm clothes or just checking in on your neighbor.

If you have exhausted all of your revenues you can apply for; HEAP, Home Energy Assistance Program or the Town has general assistance funds for those that qualify and the Trustees of Trust Funds are there to help individuals in times of need, generally you must have exhausted all of your resources before you can utilize these programs. All inquiries are confidential. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the town office if you, or someone you know, needs assistance. Seth can be reached at 737-4797 or email at: sagoodall@yahoo.com

Richmond Fire Department Reunion By: Andy Pierce



The Richmond Firefighters' Relief Association held its reunion dinner on November 17th at the fire station. Forty nine current and former members and their spouses attended and enjoyed the meal which was catered by Rebecca's. Many memories and stories were shared of the members of the department. The Association would like to thank those that attended and will be working to make this a regular event in the future. Any former members of the department that did not attend but would like to update their mailing address, please contact Chief Andy Pierce, at 737-4366, or Association President Matt Roberge at 737-4803.



Update on School Regionalization By: Nancy Jodoin

The Regional Planning Committee has been busy blending the school systems of Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth and Richmond into one new regional school unit. Richmond is represented well on the RPC by O'Neil Laplante, Seth Goodall and Nancy Jodoin. Significant progress has been made to date. On December 1st, the RPC submitted a partial plan to the State Department of Education. Over the next few months, the RPC will be working to complete the plan, seek its approval and present it in its entirety to the voters.

Various sub committees have worked hard planning the policies for the new RSU. The Governance Subcommittee has met weekly and its main function was to organize how the new RSU will govern itself. Topics addressed were the number of seats each town will have on the new school board, determination of a weighed voting system and terms of office for new board members. The configuration of the board will be determined by a formula based on the number of residents in each town. As a result, the new board will consist of 12 members, with each member holding their respective proportion of voting power based on the number of residents per town. To that end, Monmouth and Richmond will each have 3 members and Dresden, Farmingdale and Hallowell will each have 2.

The Finance subcommittee has the duty of looking at how we are going to make it financially possible to save money and consolidate services overtime. Items under review are debt service/reserve, state and local contributions, bid savings, group purchasing, audit report and financial analysis.

The building and grounds subcommittee is assessing the state of each school property and determining what to convey to the RSU. After the new RSU is created, any property that is no longer needed by the RSU will revert back to the town of prior ownership.

The Transportation Subcommittee is examining current contracts and conducting a needs assessment for each community.

The Public Education/Relations Subcommittee is responsible for disseminating information from the RPC to the public. Information can be obtained in

many ways: the Mainely Richmond Newsletter, Internet at www.halldale.org under the "School Consolidation" link; public meetings: Richmond is scheduled for March 12, 2008; through RPC members, including Nancy Jodoin (737-4792) or email njodoin@msn.com, O'Neil Laplante and Seth Goodall.

In conversations with Richmond's residents, there have been several common questions.

Q. Will our school be closed?

A. The school regionalization law was not intended for schools to close. According to L.D. 499, the law states that the citizens will ultimately have final say.

Q. Will sports be affected?

A. Sports will remain the same, under the auspices of the Maine Principals Association.

Q. Will students be bused to other schools?

A. No.

Q. Will my taxes go up?

A. The answer cannot be determined at this point in time since multiple factors need to be addressed. (i.e.-evaluation, enrollment, contracts, start up cost.)

Home Heating & Insulation Assistance Programs By: Rep. Berry

- 1% loans of up to \$15,000. are available to many Mainers for home insulation and other energy-saving measures that save far more than they cost. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.mainehousing.org or call 1-800-452-4668.
- Free home weatherization kits are available at no cost through Midcoast Maine Community Action in Bath, at 442-7963. Fuel oil assistance is also available both at 442-7963 and at 1-877-JOE-4-OIL.
- Questions: Contact Rep. Berry at 522-1609 or email: seth@sethberry.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1/7 Fire Dept. 6:30p
- 1/7 Waterfront 7:00p
- 1/8 Loan Board 6:00p
- 1/10 Selectmen 7:00p
- 1/14 Economic 7:00p
- 1/14 Fire Dept 6:30p
- 1/15 Selectmen Workshop 7:00p
- 1/21 Office Closed
- 1/22 Plan Brd 6:00p
- 1/24 Selectmen 7:00p
- 1/28 Fire Dept 6:30p
- 1/31 Open Until 6:00p

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7 Fire Dept	8 Loan Board	9	10 Selectmen	11	12
13	14 Economic D	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Office Closed	22 Planning Brd.	23	24 Selectmen	25	26
27	28 Fire Dept	29	30	31 Open Until 6:00p		

Rabies Clinic
January 12th
10:00-12:00p.m.

The Rabies Clinic will be held at Enterprise Farms on January 12th from 10:00 - 12:00p.

The Veterinarian is Dr. Sara Magenis from At Home Veterinary Clinic. The cost will be \$12.00 per dog. There also will be personnel from the town office to register your dogs.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2/4 Loan Board 6:00p
- 2/4 Fire Dept 6:30p
- 2/7 Selectmen 7:00p
- 2/11 Economic 7:00p
- 2/11 Fire Dept 6:30p
- 2/14 Valentines Day!
- 2/18 Town Office Closed
- 2/21 Selectmen 7:00p
- 2/25 Fire Dept 6:30p
- 2/26 Plan Board 6:00p
- 2/28 Open Until 6:00p

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Loan Board	5	6	7 Selectmen	8	9
10	11 Economic	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Office Closed	19	20	21 Selectmen	22	23
24	25	26 Plan Board	27	28 Open Until 6:00p	29	

CONTEST

TOWN SPONSORED SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP EMERGENCY FUEL FUND

The Ugliest Tie in Town! The Most Outrageous Hat! If you think you have what it takes then enter the contest! \$5.00 to enter a tie or hat. Residents will then pay .50 cents per vote.

All proceeds will go into an emergency fuel fund to help our neighbors in time of trouble this winter

Judging begins February 1st and ends on February 15th. Watch for displays of the ties and hats in area businesses. For more information Call Betty Pratt at 737-2161 or Bette Horning at 737-0912

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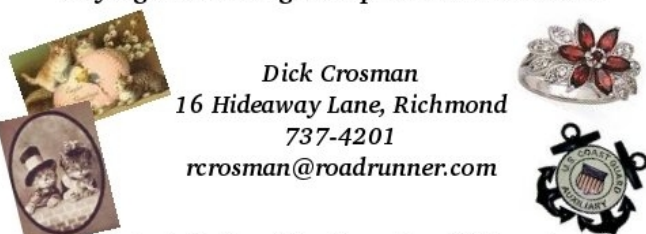
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COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY





December 7, 2007 we celebrated the towns annual tree lighting. Thank you to Dick Brown for hooking us up with Santa for the night! Also thank you to Bucky Bodge for donating our Christmas Tree, Andy Pierce for the Hot Chocolate and the Seniors for serving it at the Senior Center!

THE SELECTMENS CORNER....By: Leighton Carver

Thank you to those that are serving and participating in your Town's activities. "Participating in town government, committees, boards and organizations are different ways to be part of this wonderful town. Many of you reading this should take pride in your participation.

Our Richmond Grange recently earned second place for its community service in 2006-2007 at the Maine State Grange Annual Convention. Maine has 160 granges what an honor! Congratulations to the members of this organization for all that you do for this town.

The Richmond Volunteer Fire Department needs to be recognized by all of us for their dedication and service to our town and surrounding communities. I often call them our "unsung" volunteers who often don't receive the gratitude from us. Its comforting knowing they are well trained, equipped and ready to respond when needed.

The Town of Richmond-from its history to its natural resources keeps me here. But it is the people and our shared experiences that make our town what it is. Community involvement is the crucial element in living the good life.

I often walk daily with my wife Linda enjoying the trip around town seeing many signs of improvements to our building and landscape, thanks for your support in our towns revitalization.

Now to another point. We need more of you to become participants in our town. We have a number of Boards and Committees (elected and appointed) that need to be filled. Having these vacancies filled will ensure they can function the way they should.

The positions that now remain vacant include the following:

Budget Committee-2
Richmond Cable T.V.-2
Cobbossee Watershed Trustee-2
Board for Community & Economic Development-1 (Alternate)
Planning board-1 (Alternate)

In addition the following elected or appointed positions will expire on 06-30-08:

Selectmen, Assessor & Trustee of the Poor- 2
School Committee Member-2
Trustee of Trust Funds-1
Richmond Utilities District-1
Appeals Board-3
Richmond Cable TV Committee-3
Cobbossee Watershed District Trustee-1
Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Trustees-3
Board for Community & Economic Development-3
Gardiner Ambulance & Service Advisory Board-1
Planning Board-3
Sagadahoc City Communication County Board of Directors-1

Please contact the Town Clerk, Judy Savage to learn more about these positions. Also find out their regular scheduled meeting dates. Attendance at these meetings hopefully will enlighten you and will inspire you to get involved!

Again thanks to all that are now participating and hopefully will see more of you in the near future. Your involvement will help keep our town vibrant and intact.

Leighton Carver can be reached at: 737-2679
 Email: Leighton.carver@verizon.net

THE SELECTMENS CORNER...By: Burt Batty

I would like to take this chance to share some observations about our Town and the positive steps Selectmen and Town Employees are taking.

As of last June the Selectmen continued to monitor the Town Budget and reduced the property tax rate for the 2007-08 year. We continue to enforce the land use ordinances with the help from our Code Enforcement Officer and contribute toward the design of the new school regionalization consolidation program with partners Dresden, Hallowell, Farmingdale and Monmouth.

We have approved an Emergency Management Plan for the Town and have developed a more comprehensive and user friendly town web site that will be launched after the first of the year. Additionally, as you have no doubt noticed, we have been working with the Economic Development Committee to upgrade village cross-walks, sidewalks and building facades. The objective will be to improve the overall look of Main Street including work with the property owners to enhance their buildings. This effort will most likely take several years to accomplish.

We have also been evaluating the needs of another of our valuable assets; the Fort Richmond Waterfront Park. The Waterfront Committee will be considering applying for State Funds designed to improve our recreational use of the waterfront area.

The Selectmen have also identified additional areas of interest to work on to improve Richmond. These areas included:

- Collaborating with neighboring towns to improve the efficiency of town services and reduce the tax burdens.
- Identify "go green" areas that identify energy savers, energy wasters, recycling and alternative power sources that would work in Richmond.
- We plan to review our Land Use Ordinance to determine possible areas for improvement.
- We will continue to work with the Umberhine Library Trustees to improve library facilities.
- Last, but by no means least, we will attempt to address the question of growth for Richmond and develop a draft discussion paper by answering the following questions (undoubtedly there will be more questions to answer):

1. What economic growth for Richmond is desirable?
2. Where should growth occur?
3. When should growth occur?
4. Why should growth occur?

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

We are busy at the library and are pleased to have signed up several new patrons. If you haven't gotten your card yet, stop in any day we are open and we will be thrilled to show you around!

Mr. and Mrs. Lou McNeil and Mrs. Ellen Kroot have become our first two Nifty/Fifty members by donating \$1,000. each to the building fund. We appreciate their generosity and extend an invitation to anyone else to join our Nifty/Fifty membership. The \$1,000. does not have to be paid all at once but can be spread over a year period.

Thanks to all who helped and participated in the 1st Annual Fall Festival and Scarecrow contest. First Place in the business category went the Flower Spot, 2nd to Kennebec Cutters, and 3rd Main Street Fuel. In the individual category, 1st place Ellen Kroot, 2nd place Judy Debray and 3rd place to Sara Crocker. Also in the Civic Organization category, 1st place, Cub Scout Pack 610 and 2nd place to the Town Sponsored Senior Citizens Group. A big thanks to Glen Dewitt for providing the tractor barrel ride for the kids and to Ryan and Nancy Cote for the music, fire department for their help, the police department for directing traffic so the kids could parade down Main Street, Noble Farm for providing the hay bales and corn stalks, Pastor Tom Frey for judging the scarecrows, the Hartfords for providing the grill. The Town Mothers and Fathers who allowed us to use their faces on the scarecrows and to all who helped decorate and attended

the celebration. Look for a bigger and better festival next year!

On January 15th the Chewonki Outreach Program will be presenting a program sponsored by the library on the Owls of Maine. Several live owls will highlight the program. Seating is limited to 40 people so sign up early at the library. Time-6:30 p.m. There is no charge for this program but



donations will be accepted. This is an opportunity to learn more about a species native to Maine.

The Children's Story Hour on Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30, is still very popular with the kids. Miss Donna does a great job and the children all love her.

Please remember that the library is closed on storm days if the schools have cancelled sessions for that day. You can call and renew your books, movies and tapes by phone. If we are closed just leave a message on the answering machine.

We look forward to seeing you in the near future. "If I have not read a book before, it is to all intents and purposes, new to me, whether it was printed yesterday or three hundred years ago"

Look below for new arrivals, there are many others but too numerous to list. Our librarian, Donna McCluskey does a great job in obtaining the latest books but if you know of one you would like to see in the library, stop in and let us know!

JUST ARRIVED

"Escape"; Carolyn Jessop

"Bridge of Sighs", Richard Russo

"Creative in Death", J.D. Robb

"A Lick of Frost", Laurell Hamilton

"Now & Then", Robert Parker

"Love in Black and White", Senator Bill Cohen

"The Darkest Evening of the Year", Dean Koontz

"I am America (And so can You)", Stephen Colbert

BUSINESS FEATURE: THE TEXAS BARBEQUE CO.

Everywhere you look on Main Street these days you see new and exciting changes. New store fronts, new businesses and improvements to the look of our town will add a welcoming quality for all who visit. Mark and Terry Bell are proud to be part of this revitalization of our town! Many of you already know us and our boys Aaron and Casey. We have called Richmond home for nearly 17 years and have been involved with such organizations as Richmond Summer League and Pack 610 scouts as well as volunteering at our schools. We feel that the timing is perfect for us to relocate our business and become part of the business community as well.

Our business is called The Texas Barbeque Company and we will be offering you authentic Texas style barbeque. Many of you that know us have noticed that my husband Mark talks funny. That's because he is from Texas and the boy knows his barbeque! He knows all of the nuances of slow smoking the meat as well as knowing the "ins and outs" of a great chowder!

Although we will not have a restaurant, we will still be able to offer you the finest barbeque in all of Maine. From our Main Street location we will sell barbeque by the pound, racks of ribs that are "falling off the bone" delicious and everything barbeque related. Our secret recipe BBQ sauces will be bottled right there in Richmond and are an experience all to themselves.

The largest part of our operation revolves around catering. We were able to build a substantial client list from our Auburn location and that list just keeps getting bigger and bigger. We are very excited about the future of our business and we are thrilled to be based out of our hometown.

So, please Richmond, come by and see us at our Main Street location. At the time of this writing we don't have an exact opening date but look for the Texas flag. When the flag is waving outside, you'll know the front door is open and you're welcome to "Come and get it!"

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