



FALL IN RICHMOND

BY JUDITH M. GRAVES

The zinnias are ready for the vases and the mums are in place. Sunflowers are tall and developing into some wonderful feeding dishes for the birds. This year the hydrangeas are huge and so full of blossoms. Goldenrod is a rich gold as it waves to you on the sides of the roads.

Zinnias were my dad's favorite flower. He grew rows and rows of them in a garden along the side of the road at our home. They grew in a filled-in stone wall that was backed by some really nice hedges. What a picture they made! Over the years people would stop and buy a bouquet, or just admire and often take pictures. As a little girl I imagined this is how it would look in Holland with fields of tulips. I was so proud of daddy and stood by him as people handed out the compliments.

Daddy is gone now, and every year I grow zinnias. They are a lovely flower, sturdy and long lasting. At this time of the year no vase is empty, and often they have zinnias among other blooms. They dry in bouquets as well, and keep their color.

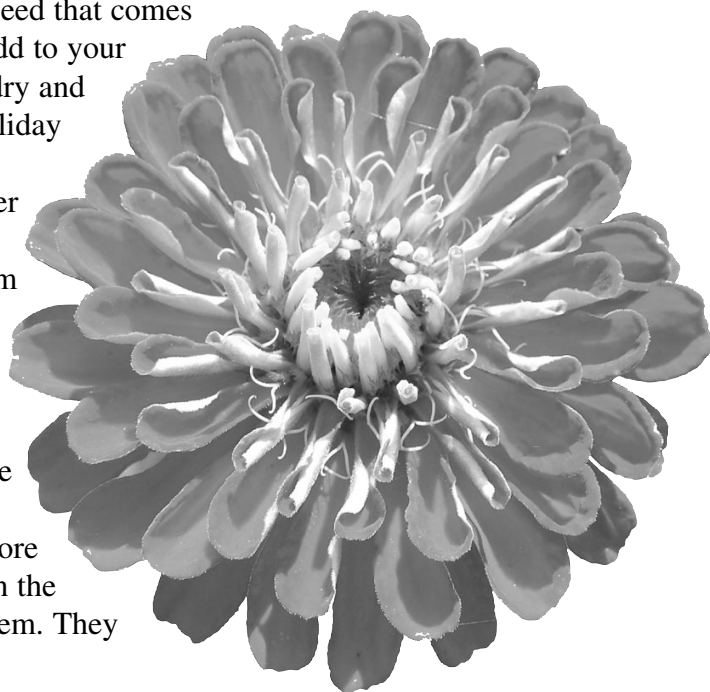
Sunflowers are a staple for us to grow. We like the big flowers and edge the vegetable garden with them. They are 12 feet or more high with huge plates of blooms that wave ever so gently to and fro. From the office window they make me smile as the bees and butterflies flit among them. Soon the center will turn to seeds for the birds who enjoy them long after the snow comes. We take some in to dry and place them in the birdbath by the feeders all winter long.

Hydrangeas are among my favorite fall flowers. Early in October after a first slight frost they turn to a rich peppermint pink. This is when I gather them to make wreaths, fill winter baskets to enjoy, stuff the tree with them, and then put them back in the baskets. You can hang them in bunches from the beams.

Goldenrod has had a bad rap for many years as people think they bring on allergies. After much study I found they don't cause anyone to sneeze. It is the ragweed that comes out at the same time. So gather some golden rod and add to your bouquets, bunch them and hang them upside down to dry and fill baskets for the winter. Their color is so pretty at holiday time as well. Another gift from God.

Be sure to clean your birdbaths daily, add fresh water and float a piece of mint for the birds. They enjoy a minty bath and drink. The cones are starting to fall from the trees as well. Gather them to add to holiday tables, hang on the ends of ribbon for the end of the staircase or put into a wreath or swag.

Soon the leaves will be turning their gorgeous fall colors. Melt down some of your old candles and dip the leaves to wax them. Place them on the center of your table for fall decorations. I like to gather a few just before setting the table to put under each glass. Place leaves in the pages of a book to preserve them as well and flatten them. They



make wonderful additions to a card to send to a friend who may not have New England's fall leaves to enjoy.

Just before frost, clip all your herbs to about three inches, bunch them and hang to dry. This is your winter supply. Remove the leaves when they crack off the stems and label a jar full of each one. These are nice gifts as well. The rosemary sticks will be perfect for kabobs too, and toss the stems of herbs over a campfire for a fragrant event.

When the first frost has hit, cover all your herbs heavy for the winter, with straw or leaves. This will allow the root to settle with the frost and put them to bed 'til the spring.

I love fall, it is my favorite season. Saw my first woolly-bear caterpillar last week. He promises an average snowy winter, so gather your books, sit by the fire and read. Look out the window at the filled bird stations and see them enjoy all that you offer them; sunflower heads standing ready, extras to place for daily feeding, (the squirrels like these too), snow drifting down as you sip on a cup of hot cocoa. Now who can't look forward to the winter season?

Enjoy the season. Gather flowers to bring inside for the winter, be ready for gift giving from the heart and the garden. Take the best of each season and find pleasure in nature.

Welcome New Rooster Member MARIE KNOWLTON

I am pleased to announce that Paul Clipper has agreed to join the staff of the Richmond Rooster as our graphics/production manager. Paul has lived in Richmond for a little over one year and has a strong background in writing and publishing. Paul is the Editor and Owner of Trail Rider magazine, which he

has published for over 23 years. Paul brings a magnificent background and a great deal of experience to our local paper. I am happy to welcome Paul to our volunteer staff.

Town Clerk's Office Dates to Remember ANNETTE TOKUNAGA

October 13, 2008	CLOSED for Columbus Day
October 23, 2008	Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk
November 4, 2008	CLOSED for the General Election. Polling hours: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall

Election Results ANNETTE TOKUNAGA

On September 9, 2008, the Town of Richmond simultaneously held two elections - the MRSD Special Election and the State Primary Election.

For the Special School Election, 340 of the registered 797 voters voted. This was a 42.7% turnout. For the Town of Richmond, the "No" votes won by five.

For the State Primary, 324 voters voted that day, representing a 40.7% turnout. There were 172 Republican and 152 Democrat ballots cast. Following are the candidates on the ballots who received the most votes from Richmond voters:

On the Republican ballot:

Governor: Joseph D. Kenney with 117 votes

U.S. Senator: John E. Sununu with 105 votes

Representative in Congress: Jennifer Horn with 81 votes

Executive Councilor: Stephen B. Stepanek with 96 votes

State Senator: Thomas R. Eaton with 115 votes

Sheriff: Richard Foote with 102 votes

County Attorney: Peter W. Heed with 108 votes

County Treasurer: Fred S. Parker with 100 votes

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Register of Deeds: Evelyn S. Hubal with 132 votes

Register of Probate: Susan J. Castor with 52 votes
On the Democratic ballot:

Governor: John Lynch with 117 votes

U.S. Senator: Jeanne Shaheen with 132 votes

Representative in Congress: Paul W. Hodes with 131 votes

Executive Councilor: Debora B. Pignatelli with 123 votes

State Senator: Molly Kelly with 130 votes

State Representative: Barbara Hull Richardson with 133 votes

County Treasurer: Stuart E. West with 90 votes

Register of Probate: Anna Z. Tilton with 102 votes

I would like to express my gratitude to the individuals who checked in voters and/or counted ballots at the polls that day. The election officials of the

Town of Richmond could not have conducted this election without your help. If anyone would like to help at the upcoming General Election on November 4, 2008, please contact the Moderator, Bill Watt.

Meadowood MELANIE ELLIS

The Meadowood County Area Fire Department would like to "Thank everyone" who participated in the Annual Auction; whether it was donating an item, coming to bid, or helping to set up and making it a success. We look forward to working with everyone again next year.

There will be a lot of activity going on this fall and winter at the Training Center on Bowkerville Road. In September, an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic class started and will continue until January. Also in September and lasting until June of next year there will also be various firefighting classes.

October is Fire Prevention Month and the theme this year is "Prevent home fires." The leading cause of fires in the home are cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials, and with a little extra caution these fires can be prevented.

Thank You, Lloyd and Chris Goodnow! BY GERRI LUTZ, CEMETERY TRUSTEE

The extension to Earl Howard Memorial Cemetery Extension has been completed and the new grass is coming up, through the goodwill and hard work of Lloyd and Chris Goodnow. Lloyd came to me last spring after the warrant article was not approved for the full amount required to do the work and offered to donate the labor, use of equipment and any expense beyond



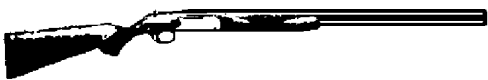
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what was approved at town meeting. Lloyd recognized the extension needed to be done at one time because of the location and access of the property, which is west of the South Cemeteries and the number of plots remaining in the existing section of Earl Howard Cemetery. He also thought it was the right thing to do for the residents of the town. In fact, this warrant and one other were the only two to be cut while others were given additional funding.

If anyone monitored the work in process, you would have seen the equipment that was used to accomplish this job, and would have known without a doubt the savings the town has received. There were a number of trees leaning into the existing cemetery or dying along the stone wall that separates the old cemeteries from the new area. The trees needed to come down to eliminate the possibility of liability to the town should they be blown over due to weather conditions. If the trees were taken down one at a time it would have been very costly, not to mention the difficulty to reach many of them without causing damage to the grave sites. We, the cemetery trustees, are please with the work by Lloyd and Chris. This will give us the opportunity to move on with establishing the plots and access roads in the new sections to make them available for sale. Since this is not our area of expertise we will do the best we can and will post a notice when plots will be ready for sale.

For those of you who wondered what happened to the person who put in the bid from which the warrant article was developed, he was called when the article did not pass and was told of the situation. While he was willing to work with us, we were not bound to honor his bid since the town did not approve full funding. He also was told of Lloyd's offer and said



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that he would in no way be able to do the work required for what was approved and said that in the town's best interest Lloyd's offer should be accepted. When it came time to test the ground for the water table, Northeast Soils, owned by Mike Faulkner, was contacted to see if he would be able to do the work. He agreed and said to have Lloyd contact him when they were ready for the test to be done. This work has also been completed. Thank you Mike for what you've done.

In accordance with RSA 289, every municipality shall provide one or more suitable cemeteries for the interment of deceased persons within its boundaries. Not one selectman on the board supported this warrant article, but one did vote to cut the funding. A great deal of work was done by the cemetery trustees so that the warrant article could be included for 2008.

It all began in 2006 with the realization that less than fifty plots remained in the only cemetery left with available plots for sale. The selectmen gave five acres of land from tax deeded property to the cemetery trustees in 1993 to be developed for burial sites when needed. At some point some cutting of trees had been done, then the work stopped and nature took over. The select board decided that nothing further could be done with the five acres until it was verified that the paperwork for the tax deeded property was in order when it was acquired by the town. While this is not the duty of a cemetery trustee to research—whether property was deeded to the town legally—the cemetery trustee sent a letter to the tax office asking for the information for the selectmen to pursue. Four months went by without receiving a response from the tax office, so one of the selectmen went to the tax collector for the information. What was received was nothing more than a computer printout showing the property to be town property.

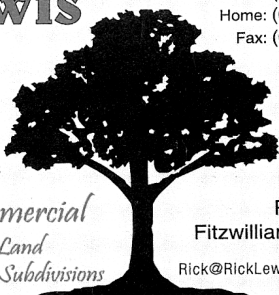
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Prior to the 2007 town meeting the cemetery trustee asked if a request for funds to extend South Cemetery could be included on the ballot. She was told to wait another year due to other requirements that were increasing the tax dollars. As it turned out, while a cemetery trustee and a trustee of the trust funds were looking at the map of South Cemetery, which includes the Earl Howard Memorial Cemetery Extension in the 1969 Town Report, it was noted that it did not reflect the current cemetery because it showed land beyond the stone wall on the west side. A great deal of time and work by the cemetery trustees was then necessary to resolve the additional land. Beginning with the help of the Town Clerk to help locate the data in the selectmen's office and then going to the Registry of Deeds, it was found that in 1969 the town received a donation of land from Richard Sexton to be used to extend the South Cemetery, to be named Earl R. Howard Memorial Cemetery Extension. Once this was found the selectmen were notified, and it was determined that only the land from this donation would be used for the additional extension. Dick Drew was called to see if he would be available to survey this additional land, which he did do at a reduced cost. The specs were developed by the cemetery trustees and the bid posted in October 2007 so that the bid process would be completed in time to meet the warrant article due date for 2008. All of this required many voluntary hours by the cemetery trustees. The number of burials does not indicate available space remaining in a cemetery. Many people plan ahead for what eventually happens to all of us and unless we have a crystal ball or other means, who is to know when that event may take place? It is better to be prepared!

Richmond Food Pantry **ALISON AND HUGH VANBROCKLIN**

Donations of non-perishable food are welcomed and appreciated at the Richmond Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has been an outreach of the Richmond Community UM Church over the past decade. It is supported through an annual FEMA grant and private contributions of food and monetary gifts. The Food Pantry is housed at the Richmond Town Hall, is open during Town Hall business hours, and is offered to members of our community who need some help to meet the needs of their families.



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Local EMT Gets Award **TERRI O'RORKE, RESCUE CAPTAIN**

Congratulations go out to Buzz Shaw, long time EMT volunteer for the Richmond Rescue Squad for being the recipient of the 2008 NH EMS Educator of the Year Award!

Buzz is tireless in giving of his time and energy to help train and educate people who want to become EMT's and with refreshing those of us who need to re-certify every two years. The Richmond Rescue Squad has been most fortunate to have Buzz as mentor, trainer and friend!

Community Events

Halloween Fun

TINA THAYER

Come Have A GOULISH time at the Richmond Children's Halloween Party! Saturday October 25th from 11-1 at The Veteran's Hall.

Pizza served at 12:00, first come first served!

Come in your costumes and play games and make some crafts. We always have a spooktacular time, so come join us!

Volunteers are always needed, if you are interested please contact Tina Thayer at 239-8777.

Octoberfest Evening

LOIS RAY

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church will sponsor an Octoberfest Evening on Saturday, October 25, at the Veterans' Hall, Rt. 32, in Richmond. The event will feature an authentic German menu to include grilled knockwurst and bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, red cabbage, rolls, homemade apfelkuchen (apple cake) coffee and iced tea: BYOB permitted. A highlight of the event will be The Musikmeisters, a local German band, for your listening and dancing pleasure. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served from 6 - 7, and dancing until 9 p.m.. Cost: Reservations \$15 p.p. and, space permitting, \$18 at the door. Advance reservations are strongly recommended, as seating is limited. The public is invited to attend what promises to be a fun-filled evening. Tickets are on sale and table reservations will be honored by calling George Blais (352-3007) or Lois Ray (585-6691). Proceeds will benefit the Richmond Community United Methodist Church's Old Brick Church Maintenance Program.

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"Mostly Murder" Free Cemetery Tour TERRI HARLOW

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This Month's RSA SUBMITTED BY TERRI O'RORKE

TITLE V TAXATION CHAPTER 72 PERSONS AND PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION
 Property Taxes Section 72:23-l Definition of "Charitable". – The term "charitable" as used to describe a corporation, society or other organization within the scope of this chapter, including RSA 72:23 and 72:23-k, shall mean a corporation, society or organization established and administered for the purpose of performing, and obligated, by its charter or otherwise, to perform some service of public good or welfare advancing the spiritual, physical, intellectual, social or economic well-being of the general public or a substantial and indefinite segment of the general public that includes residents of the state of New Hampshire, with no pecuniary profit or benefit to its officers or members, or any restrictions which



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Holiday Fair

ALISON VANBROCKLIN

November 8, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., has been reserved for the annual Holiday Fair! Please come to the Richmond Veterans Hall and enjoy a unique fair featuring talented local artisans offering a variety of hand-crafted gifts and confections. We are very pleased that many of our vendors return each year, bringing with them favorite one-of-a-kind items as well as original new creations. Friends of the Library can be counted on to present an array of tempting home-baked goodies.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community UM Church. There will be a candy table presented by the youth from the church, and members and friends of the church will put on a sandwich, corn chowder and chili luncheon from 11:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. For further information, please call Alison (239-4494).

America Reads Program Needs Volunteers

SUZETTE BORDEN, COORDINATOR

Children are now busily returning to classrooms around the Monadnock Region. Most children will eagerly page through new textbooks, check out

books from the library and delve into learning new adventures.

For some children, however, the very idea of reading is a dreaded experience. Struggling with the words on a page of text, writing what they did on summer vacation and trying to decipher phonics are obstacles they face every day.

The Monadnock Volunteer Center/RSVP and their dedicated volunteers are working hand in hand with schools to help students with their reading struggles. Volunteers work a few hours a week under the supervision of a classroom teacher with the same children to help them improve their reading. This one-on-one interaction has brought about wonderful results in the lives of many children in the past 10 years we have been doing the program.

We currently need volunteers (men and women) all over the Monadnock Region. Training is provided for new volunteers, but a love of reading and a desire to make a difference in the lives of children in your community is really all that is required. It will give you a chance to get reacquainted with your neighborhood school! If you would like to volunteer in this program please call the Volunteer Center at 352-2088 for more information and to schedule an interview.

Random Acts of Kindness

ELAINE MORIARTY

To the resident(s) of Richmond who perform their random acts of kindness on our property, (when we have political signs displayed) AN OVERWHELMING THANK YOU!

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I was raised in a country with freedom of speech, or so I thought. I guess I've been proven wrong now on several occasions. Respect, kindness and good deeds do not exist in your vocabulary or actions.



The Richmond Rooster -- October 2008--

There is no reason we cannot live in peace and respect our resident townspeople. We are so fortunate to live in the USA . Who gave you the freedom to take away our right to free speech?

Please reflect back on your behavior and ask yourself are you proud of your actions.

Definitely Definitions

SUBMITTED BY TERRI O'RORKE

USURP v. surped, surping, surps.

1. To seize and hold (the power or rights of another, for example) by force and without legal authority.

2. To take over or occupy without right: usurp a neighbor's land. To seize another's place, authority or possession wrongfully.

Taken from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language 4th Edition

To Richmond Residents

RUSS PROVOST

On September 4th I was served a subpoena by the law firm representing the SBC. I am not part of the lawsuit the SBC filed against the Town of Richmond or the 12 individual members of the Richmond Planning Board and the Richmond ZBA for \$4.25

MILLION dollars. In the subpoena they request from me:

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I have been forced to hire an attorney at my own expense to help me with this matter. If they can do this to me, who will be next? My wife? My friends? My neighbors? You? I will fight as hard as I can. Yes, I am fighting it for me, but more importantly, I am fighting for you and our Town.

When they sued the Town
Did you remain silent
Because you did not care?

When they sued 12 neighbors
Did you remain silent
Because you did not care?

When they sued you
Did you still remain silent
Or do you now care?

Busby Berkeley is Celebrated in a Second Collection

FRANK BEHRENS

It is sad to report that while the Warner Bros. DVD "The Busby Berkeley Collection, Volume 1" was pure gold, Volume 2 holds too much dross. By 1937-38, audiences were cooling to musicals and the studios were cutting back on the budgets for them. In this way, choreographer and sometime director Busby Berkeley was obliged to make do with fewer resources—and it shows in these films.

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For starters, three of the four films are concerned with putting on a show under adverse conditions. In "Gold Diggers of 1937," Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, and the acidic Glenda Farrell struggle to keep backer Victor Moore in good health so the show can go on, while his two assistants try to kill him (A little rough going for a lighthearted musical!). One sequence in which the Gold Diggers with hearts of larceny seduce and blackmail their Daddies into financing the show is a riot. The Big Production Number at the end makes much of precision marching but little else.

"Varsity Show" (1937) has the "put on a show" plot yet again, this time against the wishes of the conservative faculty. Sisters Rosemary and Priscilla Lane liven things up, as does the bucktoothed blonde Mabel Todd. Music sequences are supplied by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. The highlight of the Big Production Number here is the dancers' spelling out the initials of leading colleges.

Dick Powell is replaced by Rudy Vallee in "Gold Diggers in Paris" (1938), which is the only film I know that features The Schnickelfritz Band, a group I hope never to meet again. Rosemary Lane supplies the love interest (but not much more) under Berkeley's direction.

Powell is back in the best of the four, "Hollywood Hotel" (1937). Here, Rosemary Lane plays the ultimate ham actress. When she refuses to show up at her own film premiere, a double has to be found and Lola Lane is hired to oblige. Comic Hugh Herbert depends too much on his silly Hoo-hoo's, and Farrell is back as the sardonic assistant to her hammy boss. The music is provided by Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. And for once, the plot has nothing to do with putting on a show!

Except for the "Hooray for Hollywood" number that opens "Hollywood Hotel," the songs are adequate and pretty forgettable. And for me at least, the modest talents of Dick Powell do begin to wane after

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seeing him in so many of these films. Still, he represents what the public of that time wanted and this is what makes these films important, notwithstanding their lack of good plots and believable acting.

What I do love about these Warner Bros. sets is the bonus material on each disc. Included among the special features in this set are two Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy shorts, several vintage cartoons (with racial stereotypes), and so on. The most interesting are two restored color musical sequences from the otherwise lost film "Gold Diggers of Broadway." The first, "Tiptoe through the tulips," is charming.

Yes, there is still gold among the dross, enough to make purchasing this set worth it.

SBC Extortion RUSS PROVOST

The SBC of Richmond is seeking \$4.25 million in combined damages against the Town of Richmond—this amounts to \$3500 for each man, woman, and child in Richmond; or \$10,650 for each household in Richmond; or \$350,000 for each of the Richmond 12 (members of the PB and ZBA).

The SBC is willing to reduce this amount to \$1.2 million if the Town reverses ALL of the Planning Boards requirements for their expansion. There was a hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 25th at Cheshire Superior Court to throw out the SBC's suits against the 12 individual members of the Planning Board and the ZBA Board. We are still waiting for the results.

Quote by John Stark (SUBMITTED BY TERRI O'RORKE)

"Live free or die; death is not the worst of evils."

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DATE: 21 July 2008, Selectmen's Meeting.

Attending: JC Boudreau and Sean McElhiney.

Read mail and signed checks. Received a letter from Donald Mueller regarding the condition of Sandy Pond Road (attached). Wes Vaughan is still on vacation. Russell LaPlume was in to advise the Selectmen that he was not able to get hold of Mike Pearsall to do an inspection on his home in order for him to take in an elderly woman. Buzz Shaw said he would do it if he received authority from the Selectmen. The Selectmen gave the go ahead for Buzz to do the inspection. David Beers of Beers Construction was in with two building permits applications. He left them here for the selectmen to review and we would call him with any questions.

Lauren Shearer came in and provided the Selectmen with a detailed account of his position on the issues and concerns to date. Stephen Stepanek was in to meet with the Selectmen. He is running for Executive Council. JC Boudreau arrived at 7:50, as he was at a deposition at the lawyer's office concerning Town business. Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, came in about complaints the Clerk's Office has received about the condition of Monument Road. The road agent was made aware of the issue, but the complainants were not satisfied with his response. JC spoke with Dana Taylor, road agent, by phone. At the request of Jean Wharton, the road agent looked at the culverts at the end of Monument Road and he is reporting that they are now clean. The road agent

also reported that the wood for the re-decking of the Fay Martin Road bridge should be in this week. Dana will notify residents on the road along with Fire Chief Pearsall. Bill Hillock and Sheri Reynolds were in with their house installer, Rick Lafayette. They do not want to put in a full foundation as approved on building permit #2008-014. Upon written request from the applicant, the Board amended the building permit to change from a full foundation to a contiguous 4-foot frost wall foundation. Norwood and Phyllis Keeney came in to ask more building permit questions.

DATE: 28 July 2008, Selectmen's Meeting.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan.

Read mail and signed checks. Peter Majoy was in to talk about issues regarding the Voluntary Energy Committee of which he is Chairman. The committee is asking the selectmen to require that all Town

offices use 100% recycled paper products. After a discussion, the Board voted unanimously to require all Town departments use 100% recycled paper products whenever possible. We will also buy some containers to separate recyclable papers and bottles. Peter also discussed three driveway permits for Fish Hatchery Road, Map 405 lots 078-1, 078-2 and 078-3. They have been signed by the Selectmen and the Road Agent. Peter asked for Selectmen and him to go into Executive session on a legal matter. Sean made a motion for the Selectmen to go into Executive session at 7:10 per RSA 91-A:3II(e). Wes seconded the motion. Executive session closed at 7:25 p.m. There was a unanimous vote to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Dot Robbins, a long time employee of the Town of Richmond, passed away on Friday, July 25th. It is the consensus of the Selectmen to set up the reception at the Veteran's Hall in memory of Dot to be held as a Town function. The office will be closed from 2:30 to about 3:30 on Wednesday of this week so Bev can attend the services. Don Mueller and Kim Mattson

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were in to go over the condition of Taylor Hill Road after the logging operation was completed. Mr. Mueller's main concern is the paved section. Selectman Wes Vaughan will take a look at the situation. The Selectmen composed an email to Dana regarding this. Stan Pogorzelski came in to review the minutes and Notice of Decision from the hearing Thursday night. Stan, Sean and JC accepted the minutes and signed the Notice of Decision, then forwarded a copy of both to the Town Clerk's office. Gwyn Powers was in with more information and measurements for her building permit. Norwood and Phyllis Keeney came in with more building permit questions.

Lloyd Goodnow was in with an invoice for the work he performed on the Earl Howard Memorial Cemetery Expansion. He also feels that the selectmen should come out and show support for the Planning Board and Zoning Board in the recent court proceedings. Doug Bersaw came in about the vacant Health Officer position and to offer his services. A notice is currently in the paper and the Board is accepting applications. Being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Fire House News

To date the Richmond Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad have responded to 65 calls for emergency services.

First, I am proud to report that the State of NH has awarded the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Instructor of the Year to our very own Buzz Shaw! You can go anywhere in this county or region and talk to anyone in the EMS field, they have either taken a class with Buzz or worked with him in some capacity. Everyone knows Buzz! In my opinion, there is no one who deserves this award more.

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Congratulations Buzz!

On behalf of the fire dept., I would like to thank everyone for a great BBQ. The weather was great, we sold out of food and everyone had a good time. Cliff Porter of Winchester was the winner of the Polaris ATV. Lisa Hannon, a visitor to ShirRoy Campground, won the cord of wood, then donated it back to the town to help out a needy family. Thanks to Donna Brewer, the Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Richmond Police Dept., Meadowood, Hinsdale and Swanzey Fire Depts., Southwest Fire Mutual Aid, NH Division of Forests and Lands, The Four Corners Store, and everyone who attended.

The past few months we have been training with the Fitzwilliam and Meadowood fire depts. We have done first alarm (structure fire) response, off-road rescue with our OHRV and auto extrication. We'd like to thank Sam Pratt for agreeing to be our patient in the auto extrication drill.

We are always looking for more volunteers on both the fire dept. and the rescue squad. The rescue squad is holding an open house on Oct. 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stop in and see what we're all about. If you need any more reason to want to join, see the first paragraph of this article!

Kids, make sure to remind your parents to stop by the firehouse on Halloween for a treat.....or maybe a trick! Parents, remember flashlights and reflective clothing so everyone can be seen easily, and drivers, watch out for all the little ghouls and goblins. Let's make sure everyone has a safe and happy Halloween.

Daylight Savings will be ending on Nov. 2. Remember, this is when we change the batteries in our smoke & carbon monoxide detectors.

—Firefighter Sean Brewer
Richmond Volunteer Fire Department

Town Business Hours

Board of Selectmen: J.C. Boudreau,
Sean McElhiney, Wesley Vaughn
 ■ Mon. 7:00 —7:30 p.m. Town Departments
 ■ Mon. 7:30 —? p.m. Public Concerns

Town Secretary: Beverly Hart
 ■ Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.
 ■ Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5p.m.
 ■ Fri. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4p.m.

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga
 Deputy: Pamela Goodell
 ■ Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
 ■ Wed. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m.
 ■ Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino
 Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.
 ■ Thurs. 4 p.m. —6 p.m.

Planning Board: Robert Coy, Chairperson
 ■ Meetings held at Civil Defense Building
 1st & 3rd Tues of the Month —7:30 p.m.

Transfer Station & Recycling Facility
 ■ Tues. 8 a.m. —4 p.m.
 ■ Thurs. 8 a.m. —7 p.m.
 ■ Sat. 8 a.m. —5 p.m.

Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian
 ■ Tues. 4:30 p.m. —8 p.m.
 ■ Wed. 9:00 a.m. —12 p.m.
 ■ Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.
 ■ Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

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