



JUNE 2014

## The 4 Corners Future

What would you like to see at the 4 Corners? Would you like the convenience of a store, a bakery, a sit-down restaurant or a gasoline station? Would you want it all or do you have any other ideas? Would you like to have a community park, hiking trails, a skating area, or other recreational area? You are invited to take part in that discussion on **June 21, 2014 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Hall in Richmond.**

As well as being informative, this meeting will serve to start a community conversation of what town residents envision for the future of the 4 Corners area ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile radius from the 4 Corners.). Maps indicating the parcels owned by the town in that area as well as demographic information will be available. All town residents and landowners are invited be part of this process.

### **A summary of how we have gotten to where we are thus far.**

As you may know, the convenience of having the 4 Corner Store has deteriorated over the past couple of years until it finally closed on 12/31/2013. It has left a void in town for many residents, from a convenient, visual, and historical standpoint. Prior to it closing, a group of citizens began a dialog of what could be done to bring back the 4 Corners store.

In May, 2013 this group met for the first time to explore the possibilities and quickly began to realize that the scope of what was needed was quite overwhelming. The gas pumps were shut down and the shelves in the store were emptying. The lingering questions of contaminated soil were present and the general condition of the building and the viability as a business remained a concern. The group met with the store owner to discuss the issues facing the store and what was needed to keep the building and the business alive.

In October, the owner of the 4 Corners store decided to sell the store and was asking \$350,000. This led the group to explore the opportunity of finding some private funding resources, a potential buyer, or grant money that could alleviate the cost involved with a sale. The exploratory group decided to organize itself by giving itself the name the Richmond Community Development Association (RCDA).

In late November 2013, the RCDA became aware of a grant that was available through the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) Brownfield Program. The key-

stone of this project is to remove the uncertainty of liability for prospective buyers who did not pollute the property, to allow them to move forward with cleanup and redevelopment. This seemed like a perfect fit. On 12/16/2013 Selectmen signed a letter in support of Brownfields Nomination for 4 Corners Area in Richmond, NH.

A few days later, two members of the RCDA, Barbara Shay (owner of the 4 Corner store) and J. B. Mack, principal planner, (SWRPC) met to discuss the project and prepare the necessary paperwork granting permission by the store owner to allow the project to proceed.

On January 13, 2014, two members of the RCDA met with the (SWRPC) Brownfields Advisory Committee to discuss the nomination of the 4 Corners store project by the Town of Richmond. A scope of work was discussed and the nomination of the project was accepted into the program. The (SWRPC) Brownfields Advisory Committee decided to immediately fund the project with the sum \$48,355. This grant may lead to a final remedial action of the 4 Corners clean up by the NH DES.

The project was originally slated to start in early February 2014, but the harsh winter postponed the start to June 2014.

Soon after you read this article, work should be starting on the project and will include the following:

- Removal of the fuel tanks at the 4 Corners store.
- Soil testing around and under fuel tank and store.
- Assessing contamination at the 4 Corners store site.
- Possible removal of 600 tons of contaminated soil replaced with clean soil.

In the end, many unanswered questions will be answered, we will have a clean 4 Corners area and the Town and new owners can move on with redevelopment. This is a unique opportunity for the Town to weigh in on the future of a very historic section of Town. See page 14-15 for more information.

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

WOW!!!! What a Beautiful Basement!!!

The month of May saw the return of warm weather at last, after a long winter and a late spring. It also saw the completion of extensive repair and replacement of the heating system and related equipment in the Veteran's Hall. The new boiler was set on a concrete pad and walled off from the dirt floor basement to keep it free of dust. The duct work was cleaned and repaired. Electrical wiring and propane piping was repaired and brought up to code and the oil tanks were cleaned.

We had to install a new metalbestos chimney and dismantle



repairs and the town approved the expenditures at town meeting in March.

### Required permits?

Building a new shed, renovating a building, clearing land, putting in a driveway, logging – do you need a permit? The answer is deceptively simple – THAT DEPENDS! Contact the Board of Selectmen's office or the land-use assistant at 230-4232 and ask before you start the work. The laws that may be relevant include the Richmond Zoning Ordinance (See: [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov)), the New Hampshire statutes and regulations (also on the web), and in some cases, federal laws, especially when it comes to wetlands. We can help you find the approvals you may need. Avoid the risk that you may have to hire a lawyer or undo your work after the fact.

### Staff Changes

It is a challenge to provide effective town government with only volunteers and part-time office staff. The selectmen reviewed the office structures and staffing used to support the Board of Selectmen in other New Hampshire towns. As a result of this survey, we have upgraded the position of Assistant to the Selectman to Town Administrator. The job description has been changed to include the extra duties, responsibilities and skills expected in this position. Heidi Wood, former Assistant to the Selectman, was promoted to Town Administrator without a raise in pay, since compensation had just recently been adjusted to recognize the additional responsibilities and abilities.



the old brick chimney. Though beautiful, the old brick chimney was too damaged to repair and its junction to the boiler in the basement was too tight a fit to meet current code requirements. The basement work was done on an emergency basis when the boiler completely broke down last month, but we had fortunately foreseen the need for



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Bev Hart, Secretary to the Board of Selectman, resigned in April after serving the Town for more than eight years. We thank Bev for her years of service and wish her well in her retirement. The selectman will be posting for this vacancy as soon as we review and finalize the job description.

## Vets' Hall Boiler Room

John Boccalini

As reported in last month's *Rooster*, the boiler in the Veterans' Hall broke down and left the building without heat and hot water. Luckily the cold weather changed for the better just before the breakdown and no further problems occurred with the building or the plumbing.

The building was shut down for the month so that the situation could be remedied. The boiler was replaced and set on a cement pad. The walls were insulated and sealed up to protect the equipment and regulators from weather and dust. The tangled and inadequate wiring and electrical fixtures were brought up to code. The leaking oil tanks restored and a crumbling chimney taken down and replaced.

The new boiler room was completed in early May. There is some remaining work to be done in the basement and the handicapped access ramp is scheduled later on this year.

## Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

- June 3, 2014 Last day to change party affiliation before State Primary
- June 4, 2014 Filing period begins for State Office
- June 13, 2014 Filing Period ends for State Office (Open 3-5 pm)

If you would like to know your status as a registered voter in Richmond or your party affiliation, you can view this information at the NH Secretary of State's website, <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" located in the upper right hand corner of the screen and follow the instructions. If you are currently registered, the screen will show your voter information. If the search is not successful, you are not a registered voter and will need to register at the Town Clerk's office, at a Supervisors of the Checklist session, or on Election Day. You can also call (239-6202) or come to the Town Clerk's office to confirm your voter status and party affiliation.

**NEWS!** I am happy to announce that Larry Richardson is our new Deputy Town Clerk. Please welcome him!

## Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

It's not too late. If you are single and earned \$20,000 or less or are married and earned \$40,000 or less in 2011, you may qualify for tax relief from the State. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the State website at [www.revenue.nh.gov](http://www.revenue.nh.gov). The forms must be postmarked by June 30th. Call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or for help filling out the forms.

## New Offerings!

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

You no longer need to come to the town clerk's office to renew your vehicle registration. You can now submit your request online! Simply go to the Town website. In the dropdown menu for "Town Departments," click on "Town Clerk." Then click on the link at the bottom of that page, and you're off! Your renewed registration will be processed and put in the mail the same or next business day that I receive notification of your online renewal request.

In addition, you are now able to license your dog online if you licensed it in Richmond the previous year. If the rabies vaccination has expired, you will need to fax, email or mail to me the most recent rabies vaccination certificate. The mailing address is 105 Old Homestead Hwy. My office fax number is 239-6202. My email is [richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com).

Another available online service is obtaining birth, marriage and death certificates.

And lastly, I will be mailing renewal notices for your vehicle registration(s). You should receive this notice the month prior to the month that your current registration(s) will expire. If you'd like, this notice can instead be emailed to you. For those of you whose vehicle(s) are due for renewal in June, you have already received your renewal notice. You may use this notice to either renew online, by mail, or in person.

By providing these additional services, I am hoping to further accommodate your busy lives with my limited office hours. As always, please feel free to call me at 239-6202 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

A burn permit is needed for all open burning. Burning is only allowed between the hours of 5 pm and 9 am and the fire must be attended at all times until the fire is completely extinguished.



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Summer is here, and families and friends are getting "fired up" for BBQs, campfires and other fun seasonal outdoor activities. While these are all great ways to bring folks together, safety needs to remain the number one priority. Always use your grill outdoors, keeping it away from siding and deck railing. Wait until your grill cools completely before putting it away, especially if you use a grill cover. Keep kids and pets away from campfires, fireworks, and hot grills. Avoid playing games with flying objects like baseballs, basketballs or plastic discs anywhere around the grill or campfire.

### Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." — Jim Valvano 1946-1993, College basketball coach and broadcaster. Happy Father's Day!!

### Library News

Wendy O'Brien

#### Special Storytime:

On Wednesday, June 4 at 10:00 am, Elaine Moriarty will be joining us for storytime to present a fun session entitled, "Cass Pond is My Home: The Creatures that Live There." Elaine has created a beautiful bulletin board and will have yummy snacks.

#### Fizz Boom Read! Summer Reading Begins!

Your children are invited to join this summer's reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" at the RPL. This summer's theme is science, and we will explore water, art, robots, mathematics, and the great outdoors. Our program is a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time, as well as helping children maintain and improve reading skills.

This year our program sign-ups will begin Saturday, June 21. Keeta and her handler Kate will be stopping by at 10:30 and would love to greet you and read a book with you!

**Wednesdays with Wendy** continues at 10:00 am until mid-June, when we start our summer reading program. We have scheduled stories and crafts on these themes:

June 4: Cass Pond is My Home: The Creatures That Live There with Elaine Moriarty

June 11: Father's Day

June 18: Summer!

June 25: "Splish Splash Science Camp I"

July 2: "Splish Splash Science Camp II"

July 9: "Science and the Arts: Leo the Great"

July 16: "Fun with Robots"

July 23: "It's Mathematical Dear Watson"

July 30: "It's Alive!"

Aug. 6: "Tanagram Stories"

Aug. 13: "Let It Snow!" with Wrap-up Party

Come enjoy stories, a craft, and a small snack. Children of all ages are welcome.

On **Saturday, July 12** between 10 – 2, we will have stations set up around the library for older elementary aged children to explore science in new ways – making soda, playing with gloop, a paper airplane flight school, and making a binary bead necklace or keychain. At 12:00, be sure to stop by to see the "Liquid Launch" experiment outside the RPL and see if Wendy can get all messy!

We have tentatively scheduled on Saturday August 2, a new Young Adult program "Forensics: Crime Scene Techniques" in conjunction with our very own Richmond Police Department. We will learn about crime scene techniques, make plaster casts of footprints, and have a "Forensic Feast" of gross snacks.

#### New additions to the collection:

##### Adult Fiction

*The Target*, David Baldacci

*Chestnut Street*, Maeve Binchy (also on audio CD)

*Cavendon Hall*, Barbara Taylor Bradford (also on audio CD)

*I've Got You Under My Skin*, Mary Higgins Clark

*Frog Music*, Emma Donoghue

*And the Dark Sacred Night*, Julia Glass

*The Shadow Queen*, Sandra Gulland

*The Collector*, Nora Roberts


*The Other Story*, Tatiana de Rosnay

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*Until the End of Time*, Danielle Steel

### Adult Nonfiction

*The How Can it be Gluten Free Cookbook*, America's Test Kitchen  
*Celiac Disease: A Hidden Epidemic*, Peter H. R. Green, MD

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### Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

#### C&S Wholesale Provides Books Through America Reads

Each *America Reads* volunteer received a book for each child he or she works with provided by C&S Wholesale. I received eighteen books for Ms Frazier's appreciative first graders. The kids are writing thank you notes to both groups.

#### More Major Changes In Administration Announced

Leo Corriveau, Superintendent, and K Craig, Assistant Superintendent have announced their intention to step down as of June 2015. Ms. Linda Kalloger (currently Principal of Cutler) will assume Interim Principal at Monadnock Regional Middle/High School. Ms. Melissa Suarez (from Emerson) will become the

Principal at Mount Caesar; Dr. Lynn Carey (currently Principal of Mount Caesar) will become the Elementary School Coordinator for the district; Ms. Adrienne Noel will become a teacher /Principal at Gilsum; Audrey Salzmänn (now Troy only) will assume the Principal position for both Troy and Emerson. Searches are on for the replacements.

In September of 2015, the above radical changes will make Ms Melissa Suarez the Senior Administer of Education with five years on the job – congratulations, Missy! Additionally, it creates both opportunity and possible issues for MRSD with a fairly untested education administrative staff.

### Basic District Fact

#### The Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) Voting by School Board and Budget Committee

This will be like watching paint dry – but, will explain how things get done in the every day business of running the district. Many years ago, the State set rules for how MRSD would elect officials (Board and the Budget Committee) and voting proportionally to the number of voters within each town; i.e., “one man one vote.” Each town elects their own representative to both the School Board and the Budget Committee. The number of voters per town is set by the US census. The breakdown of the town(s) vote is based on one – although no voter has an actual vote of one. The voting is commonly called the weighted vote system and is used on every vote regardless of the complexity of the issue. Based on the USA 2010 census, the smallest town, Roxbury has 0.2131 votes (one member each committee); followed by Gilsum with 0.7567 votes (one member each committee); Richmond has 1.075 votes (one member each committee); Troy has 1.9963 votes divided between two members; Fitzwilliam has 2.229 votes divided between two members; and Swanze

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the largest town has 6.729 votes divided between 6 members. By law, the Budget Committee has a representative from (and elected by) the School Board which also has a vote equal to .10 less than Roxbury's vote.

The School Board is responsible for all activity within the district (see Budget Committee for two exceptions) – based on State law (commonly called RSAs or Revised Statutes Annotated), the New Hampshire Dept. of Education rules, and their own policy. The Budget Committee, (formed by a vote of the voters) is responsible only for the total dollar value of the Operating Budget, the default budget (used if the Operating Budget fails in a vote of the voters), and makes recommendations on any warrant article that contains a dollar value that will impact taxes. Even the text of the Operation Budget article belongs to the School Board. The main power of the Budget Committee is the maximum of the Operating Budget, plus any other expenditure within the warrant article which cannot exceed 110% of what the Budget Committee approved. How the budget could be changed will be explained in the Calendar of the District Voting in the July issue.

If you have thoughts, comments, or something you want covered, call me at 239 4031 or email: cmoriarty@ne.rr.com. Jim Carnie, our School Board member at 239 4948, will also help with district issues.

**Monadnock Regional High School Ranked 13th Best in NH**  
Reprinted from MRHH website. Submitted by Neil Moriarty  
Monadnock Regional High School is ranked #13 in New Hampshire among the 2014 U.S. News Best High Schools and #1981 nationally earning a silver medal.

High schools were evaluated on the student/teacher ratio, how 12th graders performed on their AP tests, and how they performed in the subjects of math and reading on State exams. Based on this information, the ranking of the top thirteen schools in NH was created. **Congratulations Monadnock!**

*Note:* Rankings are based on data from more than 19,400 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. This would put MRHS in the top 10% nationally.

#### **Timken Scholarship Awarded to MRHS Senior**

We have received notice that Heather Schofield is the recipient of a \$5,000 Timken Corporation Scholarship. Heather was presented with the award by Mr. Roger Ward and Ms. Stephanie Osterhaut from Timken. Congratulations Heather. We are proud of you.

## **There Was a Tavern in the Town**

Peter Mulhall

On Thursday evening May 8 at the Richmond Library, about 60 residents had the pleasure of being invited to step back in time about 200 years to see and hear something of the work and social life of Richmond and its environs. This was the second of the Library's series of historic presentations called "Town History Tales." A few months ago, the first presentation highlighted events of the Great Stinson Hill Washout of 1920. This evening's program was about "The Taverns in the Town."

Indeed, about 200 years ago, there was a tavern in the town; in fact, there were about 21 of them! This was only one of many



surprising things which brought a smile to the faces in the audience. The program was developed and presented by Bob Weekes in collaboration with Dick Drew. The other cast members were Jan Weekes, Wendy Obrien, and our tavern singer Walden Whitham. I say "cast members" since everyone was dressed "in character" of folks in those long ago days.

Jan, the schoolmarm of School House 6 (now our Library) was the host of the proceedings. She introduced Bob who of course was the proprietor of a local tavern. As we learned, his tavern of the past could now be the very building he and Jan call home. Using wonderful wall posters of maps, pictures and photos, Bob discussed the many historic taverns in and around

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cheshire County. We learned, for instance, that the current Fitzwilliam Inn was built as the Goldsmith Tavern. Buzz Shaw was invited from the audience to share some memories of growing up in Keene, in the home which was once the Stephen Chase Tavern owned by his great, great, great, grandfather Stephen Chase.

Dick Drew, as our long ago town surveyor, focused on old Richmond taverns. He discussed their role in the working and social life of the town, not only for those who lived here, but also those whose work or journeys brought them through our town. We also learned that a young surveyor from Virginia named Thomas Jefferson, took the surveying methods developed in this part of New Hampshire and used them for the surveying of the "Western Territories."

The proprietor of the tavern came back to present some of the food and beverages he served the public and things you would find at one of his tables. He was proud of the colorful and decorative whiskey flasks blown in the mid-nineteenth century from glass works in Keene and Stoddard NH. We saw one of the oldest beer bottles manufactured in America. We learned that the only difference between stock labeled "Old Bourbon Whiskey" and "Haven's Tonic Bitters," which cured whatever ailed you, was the top of the neck of the bottle and some essence of rose petals added into the "Bitters."

During Bob's presentation of pewter plates and cups, candlesticks, barrels and glassware, a traveler, Wendy O'Brien (our librarian), came into the tavern looking for a place where she and her husband could rest, get a hot meal, and perhaps learn something about this little town to which their travels had brought them. In fact, she was in luck on all accounts. The tavern was full, and the minstrel singer whom Bob hires to make his establishment the most inviting in town, was about to start his first song.

The evening's program concluded with Walden singing a set of period ballads and, of course, tavern songs. He finished with a very old Russian drinking tune which had been put to English a long time ago. He led us in a wonderful sing-along of "Those Were the Days My Friend." Punch and "period desserts" of ginger snaps, bread pudding, and berry crumble was served to end the evening.

Please visit the library and enjoy the "History Wall" posters highlighting "The Taverns in the Town."

## Leaving Richmond

Judith M. Graves

I am sure by now, most of you know we sold our home on Bullock Road in March, and are moving into the outskirts of Keene. Still rural with stonewalls and woods, and after forty-four years in the country, it will not be that different. The birds are there, flowers, cones on the ground, and yet we are minutes into the places we frequent. I think of 30-35 minutes from here to our church, will only be a four minute drive. That alone is awesome.

We moved to Richmond in 1970 with three little ones aged two, six, and eight, and settled at 240 Bullock Road, the oldest house still standing in Richmond, NH. We restored the c.1763 home one board at a time which took fifteen years to finish. We had a family farm with our own milk cow. We sold some of the milk, made our butter, and whipped cream from our Jersey cow. I baked a lot and sold bread, we had laying hens with eggs for us and to sell, maple syrup for ourselves and sold twelve quarts a year, and even the boys sold fish worms. We raised pigs, chickens and turkeys for our freezer each year, and cut eight cords of wood on our property for each winter. I joined a co-op to add to healthy foods for the family.

We found the town of Richmond so family friendly. There were all sorts of things provided for the children to do all year. The library was the best place for holiday fairs, story times, teas. Later our daughter, Crescent, was librarian for two to three years. The Vets hall was active with Harvest parties, and contra dances. Everyone shared it for their own showers and receptions. Summers in back of the fire station were planned events, summer programs, BBQs, runs to the border, and Camp Takoda gave a girl and a boy of the town a week free of camping.

The camp also held Red Cross swimming courses for the children at Cass Pond, and the town beach was the place to go at the end of the day for a picnic and a swim.

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road and mud season made the road difficult to drive on unless you had a 4-wheel drive vehicle. We used to meet our guest at the Vets Hall and drive them in with an old Scout we drove.

In 1976, I opened a pre-school in our home called The Country Mouse Christian Day School which always had a waiting list. Someone told me that no one would come out this far to bring a child to school. Well, it ran for seven years until my youngest was able to go with me to teach in Swanzey. My teaching career spanned twenty-two years. It was such an awesome time for me to bring almost 500 little people to the joy of school, love for God, and learning.

My husband worked in Chelmsford, MA as a middle-school math teacher for thirty-seven years and drove an hour and a half twice a day, all this after milking early and again late.

Over the years we had many happy times, hard times, sad times, and all was shared with this community. As we found the years move by, it changed and the town became a quieter town with less things happening to keep the children and adults entertained. The sense of community lessened and folks were heading out of town to find things to do. We all seemed to just be and there was less pride in our little town.

With the loss of the 4-Corner store the town lost a bit of connection. This was the place to connect, catch up on things going on in town, eat at the deli, and chat with neighbors. I have also seen many of the town's wonderful characters pass which changed the dynamics every time.

The last few years the town has started to come alive again, to find things to come together with, and to overlook what was missing. I think of something my daughter used to say when I was concerned about something not going right, "You can't push a rope." I repeat this when I can't seem to change things that I think are wrong. Of course, I first turn to prayer when I need help to figure out anything. If we just remember to turn our eyes on Jesus and listen to what He has to say this whole world would be so different.

I've been asked to continue writing in *The Rooster*. I am wondering what people are most interested in reading about. Is it about herbs, gardening, or Richmond in the 70s or 80s? Let *The Rooster* know what you would be most interested in having me write about. Until next time, "So long to Richmond," but never is it far from our memories. Keep the faith, keep strong, and above all let the little one's have a town to remember with fond memories. They are the future.

## Fuel Spill

Chief Bosquet



On May 1, 2014 a truck was involved in an incident in which the fuel tank (containing diesel fuel) ruptured and spilled fuel into the gutter of the road. The spill occurred on Rte. 119 west near the Richmond/Fitzwilliam border. The Richmond Police, Fitzwilliam Fire Department, and NH Dot responded to set up a site of first containment. Subsequently, the State fol-

lowed removing the contaminated soil.

## RCUMC News

Shalom to all, Pastor Arnie

Greetings and blessings to all from the Richmond Community United Methodist Church! May was a wonderful month even though Pastor Arnie was away for several weeks visiting family and friends in Kansas and Missouri. But the congregation was ably ministered to by Rev. Elizabeth Davis, pastor of the West Rindge UMC, and Rev. Dr. David Abbott, Superintendent of the New Hampshire District of the New England Conference of the UMC.

June 1 will see the young Sunday School attendees being honored by the Pastor and the Sunday School Superintendent for their faithful attendance and learning during the past Sunday School year. We are so blessed to have young families and children in attendance weekly.

There are future events being planned by the Church for the community attendance and enjoyment. Those events will be announced as appropriate times and locations fall into place, but just contemplate one which we are calling "Weiner Wednesdays." More information to follow next month!

One event that we're sure all will enjoy again, is our Third Outdoor Service tentatively planned for August 24 in the pavilion behind the Fire Station. In attendance, to once again provide music, will be the Middle River Gospel Band. This has become



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The congregation at the Richmond Community UMC invites all to attend its services. The church is located just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119 at 11 Fitzwilliam Road. The Sunday Service starts at 9 am with Sunday School usually beginning following the Children's Message. Sunday School will be taking a vacation during the summer months (June-August), but we have all sorts of books and entertaining materials for the young ones to enjoy in the pews during the service.

And, don't forget our Food Pantry which provides non-perishable foods for those who are in need. It is located at the Town Hall on Old Homestead Hwy. (Route 32) and is open during normal Town Hall hours of operation. Donations are always accepted for this wonderful ministry.

## Court of Appeals Judgment

John Boccacini

The United States Court of Appeals affirmed the District Courts judgment in favor of the Town in the case of Nicholas Bosonetto, et al vs. Town of Richmond. The Court dismissed the charge of religious discrimination against the Town of Richmond, Gillis, and McElhiney in connection with the denial of a building permit.

## Open Letter of Gratitude

Pam Goodell

Thank you to Brendan Bosquet, Andy Wood and Lynn Adams of the Richmond Police Department for the concern and caring they recently extended to us. It is reassuring to know we have such people available to help us and the residents of Richmond. We greatly appreciate their assistance.

When we were stuck in the mud on Taylor Hill Road, Lynn and Andy made sure that we were ok and called a tow truck for us. Thanks, too, to Kim Mattson who radioed her dispatcher and asked him to radio our road agent. Thanks to Mark Beal for

coming to see what help we needed.

We have learned our lesson. No more sightseeing rides on dirt roads in the spring.

We are also thankful to Brendan for his concern for the elderly in town. In order to assist those who may get lost if they wander, he has established a local Alzheimer's registry for anyone who would like to add information about their loved one. What a great way to help protect our vulnerable residents. Thanks again to these folks for all they do.

## Grants Awarded to Local Childcare Center

Roberta L. Royce, Executive Director

The Winchester Learning Center, a non-profit childcare, pre-school and family resource center located in downtown Winchester has recently received a grant from the James W. Squires Social Justice Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable foundation. The grant monies in the amount of \$1,000.00 were received to support operations.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation serves communities throughout New Hampshire, southeastern Maine and eastern Vermont. The Foundation manages a growing collection of charitable funds created by individuals, families and corporations. Outside of the government, the Foundation is the largest grantmaker in the state, making more than 3000 grants to non-profits and nearly 1600 student aid awards totaling approximately \$30 million annually. The Foundation is nonpartisan, frequently playing the role of convener and catalyst on a broad spectrum of issues. Based in Concord, the Foundation roots itself in the communities through regional advisory boards. Funding for the Winchester Learning Center was provided by the Monadnock Region Community Loan fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

More information is available at [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or by calling 603-225-6641. The Winchester Learning Center is a Monadnock United Way Agency.

## Roadside Pickup

Russ Provost

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cleanup. There are several reasons that have brought this delay. We will be rescheduling the event for some time in early November. *The Richmond Rooster* will sponsor the cleanup.

You may notice that many of Richmond's roads are littered since last year. Next time you decide to take a walk, bring along a garbage bag and rid the road of some of the litter to make our jobs a little easier come next November. Thanks.

### ***The Rooster Twenty Years Ago*** **The Bite Of The Black Fly** **Rannasaurus Rex**

Luke Faust

Vitamin E oil hasn't been working very well for the bite of the black fly that crawls inside my clothes and bores for blood. There are three species of black fly here – the kind that hover around your head and eyes, and pester and tickle; the kind that come and bite; and the under-clothing drillers. They are all murder this year.

The American Medical Association's "Family Medical Guide," says for insect bites, to wash with soap and water and apply an ice bag. But insects usually don't emerge until around sunrise, so if I get out at the crack of daylight, I get some yard work done in comparative heaven. By the 4th of July, the black fly has usually gone altogether. Until then, coffee at 4:30 am.

### **Garden Tour 2014**

Agricultural Commission

The Richmond Agricultural Commission is sponsoring its Third Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. There are seven gardens on the tour. A brief description of each, along with a map of each garden's location, will be available at the Pavilion on that day. Come on out and enjoy the gardens, bring a friend, and meet new ones. There is much to share and learn on this tour. RAIN OR SHINE.

### **Greetings from your RAC**

Sandy Holbrook

**Reminder:** Our Third Annual Garden Tour is coming up on June 14 from 10 – 2 right here in Richmond. For those of you who missed the tours in the past, we have scheduled this year's tour on a Saturday. We hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to see a variety of Richmond's hidden treasures.

No doubt you have read many headlines urging consumers

to *Buy Locally* – *Support Your Local Farmers*, etc. Great – where do I go? Below is a list of a few brochures available giving conscientious consumers some information to direct them to what is available in the area. They are:

- *2013 Monadnock Region Guide to Local Farms*: published by the Cheshire County Conservation District, 11 Industrial Park Drive, Walpole, NH 03608. 603-756-2988 ext. 116
- *Monadnock Buy Local Guide 2013/14*: [www.monadnocklocal.com](http://www.monadnocklocal.com), or [monadnockbuylocal@gmail.com](mailto:monadnockbuylocal@gmail.com)
- *Monadnock Table, The Guide to Our Region's Food, Farms and Community*: PO Box 1504, Keene, NH, tel. 603-358-6954 or 603-357-8761, [info@monadnocktable.com](mailto:info@monadnocktable.com) or [www.monadnocktable.com](http://www.monadnocktable.com)

We hope this information is helpful, especially if you are new to the Richmond area. On another note, we are seeking to increase our membership for the Richmond Agricultural Commission. The more volunteers we have, the better we can serve Richmond residents. Please call Theresa at 239-6058; Wes at 239-4654; Heather at 239-8936; Sandy at 239-4628 or Rosti at 239-4137 for more information or if you would like to be a team player. We're a fun group of people seeking to provide guidance and information relating to the world of agriculture in New England. We meet every first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Vets Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people and to network in an area that is important to all of us!

### **Rural Rides Transportation Program**

American Red Cross

Have you ever needed help getting somewhere? Have you ever had a family member who needed your help to get to a vital medical appointment?

There are many people in our community that don't have access to reliable transportation. Now there is help! One of the many free services offered by the American Red Cross New Hampshire West Chapter is the Rural Rides Transportation Program. Each day dozens of people rely on volunteer drivers for transportation to life-saving medical appointments. If you can drive, you can help!

Volunteering a little of your time – one day a month or even one day a week – will ensure that more members of your community receive the medical help they need.

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## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Sun. June 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 5th Annual Classic Car Show** with Awards Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. 580 Main Street, Keene

**June 1, 2 p.m. 'The Sleeping Beauty'**, presented by MoCo Arts School of Dance. The Redfern Arts Center At Keene State College, \$20 General, \$14 Seniors/Youth

**June 1, 2 p.m. "Olive and the Bitter Herbs."** Branch River Theatre. Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St. Marlboro, \$15 General Admission; \$12 Students & Seniors.

**Wed. June 4, 9:45 a.m. Eat Like a Rainbow** – a musical journey about healthy eating. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$5.50

**Wed June 4, 7 p.m. Vanished Veterans** – NH's Civil War Monuments and Memorials . New Hampshire Humanities Council. Peterborough Town Library. FREE

**Fri. June 6, 5-9 p.m. First Friday:** Downtown P'borough FREE

**Fri.–Sat. June 6 – 7, 8 p.m. "Olive and the Bitter Herbs."** Branch River Theatre. Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St. Marlboro, \$15 General Admission; \$12 Students & Seniors

**Sat. June 7. 7:30 – 9 p.m. The Colonial Follies.** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$17.50 adults / 12.50 youth.

**Thurs. June 12, 7 p.m. New England's Colonial Meeting-houses and their Impact on American Society**, New Hampshire Humanities Council. Jaffrey Center Meeting House. FREE

**Sat. June 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Richmond's Third Annual Garden Tour.** Map will be available at the Pavilion behind the Fire Department

**Sat. June 14, 7:30 p.m. Round the Mountain, with Ken Sheldon.** Peterborough Historical Society, 19 Grove St., PO Box 58, Peterborough. \$12/15

**Fri, June 20 – Sat. June 21 from 6 p.m. – noon, Relay For Life of Greater Keene.** Monadnock Regional High School

**Sat. June 21, 9-11:30 a.m. 4 corner Visioning Project**, Vets Hall, Richmond.

**Sat. June 21, Tour 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fair and Sale 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Secret Garden Tour. various gardens in Keene and at Ashuelot River Park. Garden Tour: \$12 in advance, \$15 day of tour. Fair and Sale is free to all.

**Wed. June 21, 7:30 p.m. The Queen and the Bee**, performed by The Colonial Opera Club (grades 5 – 12). Colonial Theater, Keene. \$10 donation.

**Wed. June 25, 7 p.m. Music in my Pockets:** Family Fun in Folk Music. New Hampshire Humanities Council. Fitzwilliam Town Library. FREE

**Sat. June 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Emperor's New Clothes.** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$8 Kids, \$10 Adults

**Sat. June 28, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sun. June 29, 8 a.m. 4 p.m. 50th Annual Gilsum Rock Swap & Mineral Show.** Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center, 640 Route 10, Gilsum. FREE

**Sat. June 28, 1 – 4 p.m. Annual Strawberry Festival** on the historic town common of Fitzwilliam. Music too! Rain or shine.

**Sun. June 29, 10:30 a.m. Snow White.** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough. \$10 adults, \$8 kids

**Sun. June 29, 4 – 6 p.m. Family Secrets**, Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. Free

### The Richmond Library

**Wed. Jun 4, 10 a.m. Storytime "Cass Pond is My Home: The Creatures That Live There."** Elaine Moriarty

Every Wed. Summer Reading Program (Starts June 18)

### Fitzwilliam Inn

Every Wed. 7 p.m. Open Mic

**June 7, 8:30 – 11 p.m. The Whiteboards.** \$5 cover

**Sat. June 14, 8:30 – 11 p.m. Melanie and the Blue Shots.** \$5 cover

**Sun. June 22, 3 p.m. on the Patio: Sarah Jane Nelson and Bob Phillips.** No cover.

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**Tuesdays 7 PM. Celtic Music Night**, Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

**Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Free movies**, Jaffrey Public Library.

## Bringing History to Life

Terri O'Rorke

On the night of Thursday, May 8, residents of Richmond took a vivid step back in time. Way back in time; the middle of the eighteenth century, in fact. There was standing room only at the library for this journey. Our event hostess was "Justina Weeks" (Jan Weekes), who introduced herself as a school teacher for Richmond's Schoolhouse #6. She briefed us on the journey we

were about to take, then introduced our host and innkeeper, "James Ballou" (Bob Weekes). Mr. Ballou gave quite an interesting and amusing presentation about the history of taverns in general and Richmond taverns, in particular. Many taverns are still in use to this day as museums, working inns or private residences, with six of these residences in Richmond. Over a period of time, there were twenty-one taverns or "publick houses" in Richmond, the first being built in 1765 by Deacon John Cass. All that remains is a cellar hole on Colony Hill Rd.

Mr. Ballou introduced "Ebenezer Drew" (Dick Drew), a surveyor in town, who pointed out the various locations of the Richmond taverns.

The Hancock Inn was built in 1789 and is still in continuous operation to this day. The Stephen Chase Tavern in Keene was



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home to Buzz Shaw and his family when Buzz was growing up, and is still occupied by his sister. Captain Chase, the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Buzz built the tavern, which was completed in 1792. Cider and most likely ale was made on the property, which could be used to serve thirsty travelers. As with some historical buildings, the Stephen Chase Tavern just might have the occasional “paranormal” activities!

Before the evening was over, a weary traveler showed up at Mr. Ballou’s tavern. “Wanda O’Brien” (Wendy O’Brien) and her family were happy to find an available place for the evening. Luckily for them, it was entertainment night at the tavern. “Jonathan Buffum” (Walden Whitham) was the time traveling minstrel who sang old-time tunes using some recognizably “futuristic” (twentieth century) lyrics!

Some pub fare was also offered after the historical presentation; sippit pudding (which is basically bread pudding with raisins), gingerbread cookies, berry crumble and punch. Historical artifacts and items that might be found at any tavern were on display. These can be seen at the library.

What a wonderfully engaging way to learn about a little local history! We can’t wait to see what they do next!

## Annual Strawberry Festival

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

The Fitzwilliam Historical Society will host its highly anticipated Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 28 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It will be held on Fitzwilliam’s beautiful and historic town common, rain or shine.

This annual event is a favorite in Cheshire County with folks traveling great distances just to take part, according to our guest book! It is an old-fashioned family occasion attended by families who now go back four generations. The Society is honored to be a part of this long standing tradition.

Our Strawberry Festival is well known for its luscious strawberries on warm, homemade biscuits with real, freshly whipped cream. A glass of iced tea or lemonade is included. Spend the afternoon listening to music, sipping your tea, watching the magical fountain on the common while surrounded by the lovely historic buildings surrounding you.

The Amos J. Blake House Museum will be open for free tours during this event. A special exhibit will be on the first floor: “Rarities and Oddities.” Our Country Store & Gift Shop, will be full of high quality gifts, souvenirs and other items.

## Horrors of the Civil War

Frank Behrens



The 2-DVD set from Athena Learning, “Civil War, the Untold Story,” has a somewhat puzzling title. Not being all that much of an expert on that shameful period in our history, I cannot see what is “untold” about the facts given in this documentary. Perhaps it is the emphasis on the battles fought in what was then called “the west,” the area between the Ap-

palachians and the Mississippi. Being this as it may, this is one excellently made program.

In five parts of about 55 minutes each, it tells the story of crucial battles such as those fought at Shiloh, Antietam, Corinth, Missionary Ridge, Mobile Bay, and other sites. It also gives detailed accounts of the sieges of Vicksburg and Atlanta.

The blunders of generals on both sides are not glossed over. One of the worst was Sherman’s ordering an uphill attack on a strongly fortified Confederate position. But one ray of humanity is shown when Confederates, holding that position, asked for a short truce to help bury the Union dead. This is so much like the Christmas story in which some Germans and some English shared songs and drinks between the trenches on a freezing night, much to the disgust of the British high command, who considered it treasonous.

One of the reasons for my recommending this set is the very realistic recreations of the battles and their unsparing emphasis on the brutality of war in general and this war specifically. Readings from the diaries and letters of common soldiers, whose activities are acted out on screen, are done with taste and great effect. Narrator Elizabeth McGovern is especially good in being compassionate without being overly dramatic. The usual “talking heads” experts give their added thoughts and facts with no attempt at originality by the director.

There is also a good deal of time spent on the dilemma of the slaves, both those who stayed on the plantations and those who followed the Union forces—to the great annoyance of the generals who had no idea what to do with them. There was nothing of the “pomp and circumstance of glorious war” in this history. “Carnage” is a frequent word heard on the soundtrack and it pretty well sums up what is seen on the screen.

The subtitles are of great help and the usual informative Athena booklet has a useful time line among other material.

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## Joe Davis Memorial

Memorial Services for Joe Davis will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at 5 pm at the South Cemetery on Athol Rd. (Rte. 32 south), in Richmond. All are welcome to attend.

## The 4 Corners Future (cont. from pg. 1)

The map opposite indicates the parcels owned by the town in the area under consideration for repair and restoration of the 4 Corners area. We would like to start a community conversation talking about what town residents envision for the future of the ½ mile radius around the 4 Corners. All town residents



and landowners are invited be part of this conversation and process. The meeting will be on June 21, from 9 am to 11:30 am in the Veterans Hall. Please join us and make your ideas known to everyone.

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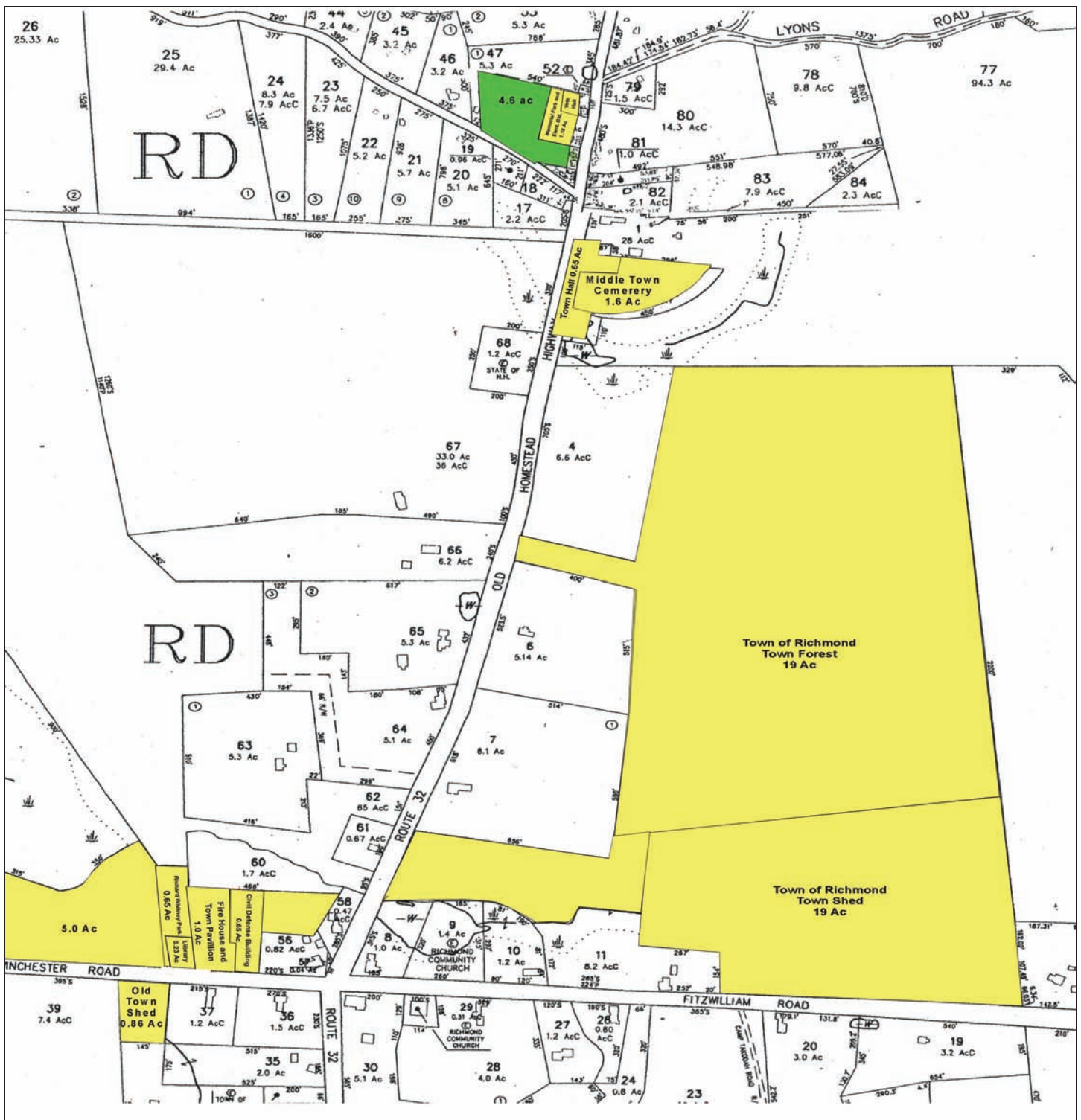
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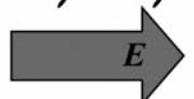


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**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Larry Richardson

Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 9 AM – NOON, 1 – 5 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Denise Nolan

Mon. 7 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 4 PM

**Planning Board:** Rick Lewis, Chairperson

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

4th Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 2nd Tues. if needed

**Transfer Station & Recycling Facility:**

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

**Town Library:** Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

Tues. 4 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

Thurs. 4 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

**Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007**

**Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466**

**Fire Warden:** Ed Atkins, 239-6337

**Selectmen – 239-4232**

**Town Clerk – 239-6202**

**Tax Collector – 239-6106**

**Road Agent:** Mark Beal 903-2184

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