



JULY 2014

## A Devotion to Healing

Peter Majoy

**Áine deDanaan** lives on Fish Hatchery Road with her husband Andreas and their two cutie-pie daughters, Finnegan and Araméa. Áine's commitment to her family and to healthcare is



incredibly well informed, practical, and on target. While studying for her Masters of Divinity at the progressive Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, Áine discerned her call to "ministry" was actually a call to healing through bodywork. Over the course of months, talking with professors and mentors, prayerful intention, sleepless nights, she was concerned about who she was letting down. This led her to attend top-rate bodywork schools in the California Bay area and an on-going dedication to helping others, both young and old, to address pain, mobility issues, and emotional distress through Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) bodywork techniques. Her "devotion to healing" through TCM has done as much for her own health as for the health of clients who have sought her out for her outstanding and effective work as an Asian Bodywork Therapist.

As a mother, athlete, and spirit-centered individual, Áine's life and work focuses on helping others find greater ease in life with all its complex challenges. She uses advanced knowledge and application of TCM therapeutic techniques, such as Tui Na (tway na), Acupressure, Cupping, Moxibustion, Qi Gong, and Tai Chi. Áine states that, "In our day-to-day life, I see lasting results and benefits for my physical and emotional self, as well as for the clients with whom I am honored to work." Áine effectively explains her view that the elements of our whole self "frequently collide in such a way as to carry a variety of illness patterns, such as pain in the physical body, muscular-skeletal injuries, emotional stress, insomnia, digestive distress,

allergies, and more." Her work shows that with effective care through ancient TCM techniques, the "body-mind-heart-spirit" can integrate these experiences into a life of wholeness and well-being.

A large part of Áine's vision of health is eating well. In the early '90s, she was cooking at the 4-Corners Store when serving food was part of the overall identity of the store. She also worked for an elegant catering company in Keene. Later she worked in an organic juice bar and natural food deli in Arizona, followed by further work in the natural food industry. All of this helped her focus on the importance of what you eat and of buying food locally. Her eyes were also opened to the dark side of agribusiness and its effect on the way food is grown and treated. From this, Áine's awareness of holistic health includes how what we eat impacts our physical and mental body from the inside out.

For Áine, wellness is a life-time journey which involves three fundamental principles: (a) letting go of pain as a defining principle of one's self; (b) letting go of fear and creatively opening up to the unknown; and (c) accepting that there are certain imperfect, even painful aspects of one's life that are really parts of a whole and complete self. Áine also speaks of "wisdom in your heart" which means "embracing that which brings one a greater sense of love and joy as opposed to frustration and anger." Finally, she tells us that the act of grappling with pain, fear, depression, and sorrow may best be done by "learning how to truly embrace joy, snuggle up with life's challenges, and seek wellness, all for the sake of living life to its fullest potential."



To set up an appointment for a therapeutic bodywork session that may well become an excellent component of your health and wellness care, please call Áine at 603-239-7472 or e-mail her at [aine@innerphoenix.org](mailto:aine@innerphoenix.org). Or visit [www.innerphoenix.org](http://www.innerphoenix.org).

## Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rourke

"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.

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Now that the snow has melted, the Selectmen have begun to hear from Richmond residents distressed by the proliferation of unregistered motor vehicles and other junk in people's yards. We know that private property is private, and "junk" may be in the eye of the beholder, and, for the most part, Richmond zoning does not interfere with how you tend your property. However, state law does recognize a violation of RSA 236:111-129 where two or more unregistered, or old motor vehicles, no longer intended or in condition for legal use on the highways, or used parts or materials from motor vehicles which, taken together, include in bulk two or more vehicles, are held on a property of a person not licensed to operate junk yard.

If you collect antique motor vehicles, RSA 236:111-a. III applies, acknowledging that persons who own antique vehicles over twenty-five years old may have more than two unregistered vehicles on their property, but these antique vehicles and parts of antique motor vehicles must be kept out of view of the public and abutters. Further, any combination of antique motor vehicles or parts of antique motor vehicles that are not stored inside a permanent structure shall otherwise comply with the requirements of this section and shall not exceed a total amount of five vehicles. For purposes of this section, the sum of the parts of antique motor vehicles that equal in bulk to one antique motor vehicle shall be counted as one antique motor vehicle.

RSA 236:128 discusses local enforcement options for the governing body, including a mandatory injunction to end the violation, imposition of a civil penalty of up to \$50 per day, or criminal penalty. The Selectmen encourage voluntary compliance with these state statutes. Richmond is a beautiful town – let us all work to keep it that way.

On another note, we remind you that a state licensed service provider must be engaged to install, repair or replace electric services, propane or gas service, or plumbing. It is a misdemeanor to do otherwise. The Town will add this notation to its building permit as a courtesy to residents applying for a building permit. Since the town does not have a building inspector to enforce this regulation the Selectmen will discuss other options to insure compliance to the best of our ability, including requiring copies of the relevant licenses to accompany the building permit application and the feasibility of engaging a third party to do inspections with the cost borne by the permit applicant. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

## Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

Have you ever wondered where the fire trucks were going with their flashing red lights and loud siren? Have you ever wanted to help your community? Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. If you are interested and willing to put in the time and effort, then stop by the Richmond Fire Department.

The fire department has monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm and training on the second

Wednesday of the month also at 7pm. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, members are at the station going over equipment and the trucks to ensure that everything is working properly in case of an emergency. If going into burning buildings isn't your thing and you are more interested in the medical side of things, the Rescue Squad meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We are there and always happy to show you around and answer any questions that you may have.

It is that time of year again, the Annual Richmond BBQ is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for August 24. It is always a great time and we look forward to seeing you all there.

## A Message from the Chief

Chief Ed Atkins, RFD

I am pleased to announce that Lt. Jon Pratt has successfully achieved the status of Firefighter Level 1. Firefighter 1 teaches the basics a firefighter needs to know to handle most emergencies. To accomplish this level of training Lt. Pratt had to attend over 260 hours of classes, as well as hands-on training. Homework and studying was also part of his classwork above and beyond the 260 hours. Jon did all this, while maintaining a full time job and finding time to be with his family.

Lt. Pratt's training paid off one afternoon in May when he led an interior crew to extinguish a small fire in a residence on Tully Brook Rd. Jon's knowledge gained from FF1 class and his quick decisions kept the damage to the house to a minimum. As a result of Jon's actions; a small puppy and three baby chicks were saved from a certain death. One chick did perish. It is my belief that another ten minutes without firefighter intervention and this fire would have been far more serious. That said – Congratulations Lt. Pratt and a job well done.

I would also like to thank our Road Agent, Mark Beal and his crew for their help at another potentially serious incident a few days after the Tully Brook fire. An out of control brush fire came within 50 feet of burning a residence to the ground. High winds, while usually harmful, drove the fire away from the house just long enough for Richmond Fire to attack the fast moving fire. An aggressive attack by Mark and his crew, as well as Richmond Firefighters Buzz Shaw, Bruce and Dallas Crowell, Nick Puopolo, Courtney Mountford and Captain Kevin Duffy prevented a disaster for that family. Great Job Guys and Gals!

## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

### Two Make the Top Eight at Monadnock Graduation

I have repeated these two names so many times in the past eight years (fourth grade to twelve grade). **Cameron Barth** #4, will attend University of New Hampshire ROTC. \*\* Cameron put some icing on the cake by also taking NHIAA's Student-Athlete Award for June 2014. **Spencer Heise** #8 in the class, will attend the University of Rhode Island to study engineering. Good luck and congratulations from the Town of Richmond. I expect the district will put bios on the website for the top eleven graduates.

### 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 bodies.

### More Major Changes in Administration Announced

Dr. Leo Corriveau, superintendent and Karen 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 Salzmann (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 administrator of education with five years on the job – congratulations Missy! This creates both opportunity and possible issues for MRSD with a fairly untested education administrative staff.

### Basic District Fact – more paint drying

**Calendar of the District Voting First we will review how you elect officials.** You elected Jim Carnie to the School Board and me for the Budget committee in March of 2014 – both for three year terms. If we both fill out our terms you will not vote for the school district unless the District moderator comes up for election. If either Jim or I do not finish our terms, the selectwomen will provide replacements for a maximum of one year or until the next voting cycle which starts in January. The town clerk will announce openings for elected office within Richmond and the dates you can announce your candidacy – that same schedule applies to the district. As within the town you must be a Richmond voter. You must also fill out a candidacy form at the district office.

**Now the Operating Budget Process:** You the voters asked that the cost per pupil be reduced by \$500 yearly until we come down to the state average. We are now \$3,000 over the state average cost per pupil. I estimate that 95% of that cost per pupil is driven by the operating budget. The Operating Budget is developed by the budget committee, and has followed this process for about ten years. First, the district administration takes a shot at developing a budget in September/October, about eight months prior to the budgets use, i.e., October of 2014 for a budget that will start in July of 2015. We usually

have a joint meeting in October to review the administration's numbers and question the department managers. In January the public can comment on all budgets and warrant articles. The Budget Committee sets the Operating Budget amount and the Default Budget amount (used if the regular budget fails). The Budget Committee (usually at the same meeting as the public meeting) also comments, approves or disapproves all warrant articles that contain money. That sends the Warrant articles to the Deliberative Session in February. The voters can change the budget amounts and amend articles – with some exceptions. As you have an elected Budget Committee, the total amount to be raised by all articles can not exceed 110% of what the Budget Committee approved.

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.

\*RSA is Revised Statutes Annotated

\*\*Reserve Officers Training Corps

## Congratulations!

Candi Hagar

Tyler Merchant, son of Candi Hagar and Gary Parrott, and grandson of Chip and Barbie Hagar graduated with two degrees from NHTI on May 23rd. One in Manufacturing Engineering and one in Mechanical Engineering. He was on the Dean's list in all but one semester.

## Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

### Summer Reading: Fizz Boom Read!

We have been having a blast with this year's summer reading science theme! Stop by each week to log in your reading time and receive a different prize. Remember, that even younger children can participate – being read to counts! The children who read the most in their age group will receive a "Fizz Boom Read!" T-shirt in August.

We are offering the following programs for all ages on Wednesdays at 10:00 am:

July 2: "Splish Splash Science Camp II": Make your own ocean.

July 9: "Science and the Arts: Leo the Great." Leonardo da Vinci was not only a famous artist, but a great scientist too.



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July 16: "Fun with Robots:" Make a "Bot-Mobile".

July 23: "It's Mathematical Dear Watson:" Learn about geometric shapes and multiplying.

July 30: "It's Alive!": Go on a nature walk with Richmond naturalist Susan Wyatt.

### Fun Day!

On Saturday, July 12 between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, 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 pm, be sure to stop by to see the "Liquid Launch" experiment outside the RPL and see if Wendy can get all messy!

### Crime Scene Techniques for Tweens and Young Adults

On Saturday August 2 at 12:00 pm, we are offering a new program, "Forensics: Crime Scene Techniques," with our very own Richmond Police Department. We will start with yummy pizza and then will learn about crime scene techniques from one of our friendly officers. Later, we will make plaster casts of footprints and have a "Forensic Feast" of gross snacks for dessert. Come join us and see our revised Young Adult collection (and pick up summer reading books for school too!).

### Used Book Sale and Raffle

It's never too early to start thinking about this year's Richmond Day with our traditional book sale and raffle. We are now taking donations of gently used books and DVD's for our upcoming sale. Feel free to drop them off during library hours or contact us. We will come to you for pick-up!

### New additions to the collection:

#### Adult Fiction

*Cell*, Robin Cook

*The Hurricane Sisters*, Dorothea Benton Frank

*Midnight in Europe*, Alan Furst

*One and Only*, Emily Giffin

*Midnight Crossroad*, Charlaine Harris

*The Arsonist*, Sue Miller

*China Dolls*, Lisa See

*The Forgotten Seamstress*, Liz Trenow

### Adult Nonfiction

*Once Upon a Crisis: A Look at Post-traumatic Stress in Emergency Services from the Inside Out*, William May

*Curing the Incurable: Vitamin C, Infectious Diseases, and Toxins*, Thomas E. Levy

*The Beatles: All These Years*, Mark Lewisohn

### DVDs

*August Rush*

*Unconditional*

### Audio Books

*Lincoln Myth*, Steve Berry

*Tempting Fate*, Jane Green

### Young Adult

*In a Heartbeat*, Loretta Ellsworth (Winner of the 2014 NH Teen Read Isinglass Award)

*Everyday*, David Levithan (four copies-summer reading for grades 9-12 MRHS)

*Okay for Now*, Gary Schmidt (three copies-summer reading for grades 7-8 MRHS)

Is there an item that you wish we had? We have access to thousands of books, audio books, and DVDs through the state's interlibrary loan network. Give us a call at 239-6164 or email us at [richmondlibrary@wivalley.net](mailto:richmondlibrary@wivalley.net) to request an item.

## Parks and Recreation Commission

Susan Harrington

The Parks and Recreation Commission had their first meeting on June 3, 2014. We talked about the past, present, and future of our wonderful town of Richmond. Many creative ideas were discussed to beautify our town, promote a healthier lifestyle and enjoy what is in our "own backyard."

The Parks and Recreation Commission will continue the maintenance of our town beach and pavilion. We are also beginning steps to revive the old fairgrounds.

Coming soon: new swings for the playground and suggestion boxes! Remember, we are a Commission that is here for you, but we cannot do it alone! Now is a great time to ask yourselves what you would like to see happen in town and perhaps how you could help us reach that goal.

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Here is an introduction to your Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Marcus Beauregard:** I've been maintaining the park behind the firehouse for the last couple of years. I keep the lawn mowed and trimmed, I've added new equipment and fixed some of the older stuff. One reason that I am part of the Park & Rec Commission is to rebuild the old Richmond Fair Grounds. More info on that later.

**Karen Daugherty:** I am 35 years old and have been married for thirteen years. I have four wonderful children, ranging from age 2 to 10. My husband Bryce and I moved to Richmond in 2008. We have four generations here in Richmond with my in-laws across the street from us. We intend to make this our permanent home, which is one of the reasons I am happy to be part of the Parks and Recreation Commission. I look forward not only to maintaining the facilities that we have, but also to enhancing them and working with others to have more of a community here in Richmond.

**Katie Eliopoulos:** I have lived in town for the last six years. I am married and have two children ages 6 and 4. I am a very motivated individual who feels that actions speak louder than words. I'm not afraid to dig in to any project and do my best. All Richmond residents deserve a community that offers programs and places to meet one another, with a focus on addressing the big issues like the over all health and quality of life in town. I look forward to this Commission's future endeavors and drawing ideas and inspiration from the community.

**Naomi McWhirk:** Hello neighbors! I've been a resident in Richmond for seven years. My husband, two sons and I love the four seasons and the different adventures each one brings. Richmond has so much to offer its people. I'm looking forward to serving and shaping it to bring friends and family together in our community.

**Elaine Moriarty:** Volunteering is an important part of assisting your town. I spent ten years at the library, three+ as a trustee, and the remainder conducting story hours and summer reading, along with running the November bake sales, which earned me a humbling reward, a plaque in my honor which hangs in the library. I also spent two years as chair person of the Beach Committee. I will continue to serve. Perhaps you have a passion to assist the town in some way. IT IS REWARDING!

**Susan Harrington:** I've lived in Richmond since 2001 with Steven my husband of thirteen years. We have two beautiful children ages 4 and 6 and a loving Golden Retriever. I joined the Parks and Recreation Commission to give back to my town and community. I am looking forward to this new adventure.

## Workshop of Wonders

Kate Butterfield

The United Church of Winchester will host "Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God" vacation bible school Monday, August 18 through Friday August 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. "Children" ages 3 to 99 are welcome!! There will be music, crafts, outdoor activities, snacks and lots of fun!!! Families are welcome to join us on Friday August 22 from 6:30 – 7:30 for a final presentation and ice cream social. Please call the church office at 239-4465 for more information and to register.

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## Janel Swanson Appointed Business Administrator SAU 29

Neil Moriarty

As Jed Butterfield steps down as principal of Monadnock High, Richmond's own Janel Swanson steps up as Business Administrator within SAU\* 29 – effective July 1, 2014. Business Administrator is the top non-education position within an SAU. Janel will manage the business affairs for the smaller towns (other than Keene) within SAU 29. For those not familiar, unlike our Cooperative District (SAU 93), SAU 29 treats each town separately.

In the past, Janel has been Richmond's treasurer and assistant to the Selectmen. In performing these town jobs, she was the editor/publisher of the Town Report.

Janel's path should be an inspiration to others. Although taking college prep in high school, she took a different track and did not go to college right out of high school. Another event in her life told her that she had to get started on her unfinished education goal. She started college in 2009, completing her degree in 2014. She was also required to take additional special courses that qualified her for Business Administrator which she completed in time for the position. All this while raising her family. Congratulations Janel!

\*School Administrative Unit

## Tips from the RAC

Sandy Holbrook

Are you one who would rather enjoy summer days relaxing with your family or engaging in a favorite pastime, but weeds are popping up everywhere and teasing you unmercifully? Try this simple recipe before using to chemical weed killers. Ingredients: One gallon of vinegar, two cups of Epsom salts and ¼ cup of Dawn dish detergent. Apply to the unwanted weed(s) after the morning dew is gone and by nightfall they'll be dead. If you have any yard or gardening tips, please let us know.

We're sad to lose a very valuable member of the Richmond Agricultural Committee to the city of Keene. Theresa Majoy has chaired this committee since its inception. No words will adequately express our appreciation for the leadership and dedication she has given over the past three years in support of the development and growth of the Richmond Agricultural Commission. We wish Theresa, Peter, and Emma the best as they settle into their new home.

Last but not least, we're again reaching out to the Richmond community for new members. If you enjoy rural life, and appreciate all that the agricultural world has to offer and would like to be part of the RAC, we want to hear from you! We meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7 pm at the Vets Hall.

## Art That Made History

Bob Weekes

There is a stunning opportunity to view an art history exhibit centered on an epic era of New Hampshire history right here in the Monadnock Region this summer. We've heard much about the "Hudson River School" of artists who achieved fame for painting scenic and idealistic views of that river and its surrounding Adirondack and Catskill Mountains early in the nineteenth century. Paintings by its founder, Thomas Cole, and his



Benjamin Champney, "Peace and Harmony"

associates, masters including Albert Bierstadt, John Frederick Kensett, Frederick Church, Jasper Cropsey and Asher Durand, today reside in major museums and private collections and are worth a fortune. These paintings made that New York State area famous 150 years ago. However, they did little to impact the future of that area in a positive way. Tragically, the march of industrial development since that time, has turned that idyllic NY river into what was declared a Superfund site in 1984 due to the continued dumping of PCBs, heavy metals, pesticides, urban runoff, and sewage into it for more than 200 miles. Despite recording the beauty of the Hudson Highlands on canvas, the impact of the Hudson River School of Art encouraging environmental preservation was fleeting, to say the least.

This is in sharp contrast to what happened in New Hampshire at the same time. Many of these same landscape artists

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headed to our White Mountains, seeking more unspoiled wilderness for their brushes. They, and many others, became artists-in-residence in hotels that were springing up throughout the White Mountains. Their scenic landscapes of notches, mountains, and waterfalls attracted a flood of tourists to the area, helping to change the course of New Hampshire history. In actuality, these early artists were marketers of tourism, which is today New Hampshire's second largest industry. But more importantly, their paintings impacted the public consciousness, helping to stir action from many quarters that led to the preservation of this special place, and ultimately, its protection as the White Mountain National Forest. As a result, we can all enjoy the same scenery today that inspired so many early artists to record it on canvas! In addition to its wellspring of raw artistic talent, the "White Mountain School of Art" has finally achieved the recognition it so well deserves.

The Historical Society of Cheshire County is exhibiting, from now until September 12, an art history presentation of this story that has been two years in the planning. Entitled, "Cavassing the White Mountains: Icons of Place," it features more than forty extraordinary paintings loaned from a private out-of-state collection. It is an unprecedented opportunity for Monadnock area residents to see extraordinary works of New Hampshire art seldom seen in our corner of the state. Located at 246 Main Street in Keene. Admission: \$5 (\$4 for members).

## Letter to the editor

Gerald Margand

Knowing next to nothing about gardening, I'm nevertheless saddened to read in *The Richmond Rooster* (June 2014) that Mrs. Judith Graves and her family are leaving Richmond.

Reading her articles was like enjoying a visit from a friendly and knowledgeable neighbor.

I do, indeed, hope she will continue to write for *The Rooster* about things that make a house a home – or about Mr. Graves' reminiscences in teaching middle-school math.

What a refreshing thing it is to "hear" from an author by whom God is welcomed so naturally!

## RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Happy July, the month of celebrating the Independence of our United States of America! I pray that it will be a very safe and joyous time for all concerned!

We are excited to announce many church/community events that will be taking place in the coming months! August is really filled starting with what we are calling "Wiener Wednesdays!" Every August Wednesday afternoon/evening between 5 and 7 pm, we will be offering "Drive-Through" picnic-style meals! On the menu will be quality charcoal-grilled turkey or beef hotdogs with bun, condiments, chips, drinks, and for dessert, home-made brownies! Yum! Yum! The items of your choice will be delivered to you in your car as you "drive around" the church. Sounds like a great eating-out experience to me! For four nights, the cook gets to eat out!

Also in August, our Third Annual Outdoor Worship Service will be at the Richmond Pavilion behind the Fire Department. The service this year will start at 10 am rather than the normal 9am. And, back by popular request, the Middle River Gospel Band (<http://middlivergospel.com/>) will provide the gospel music and music ministry! Come and be blessed! Stay after the service and eat BBQ Chicken at noon as only the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department personnel can grill it up! The band will play on!

September will bring the very popular and gifted musician Dan Schall back to Richmond. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm for this awesome musical concert. Dan's bestselling albums will be available for all. Dan and Linda, based in Pennsylvania, spend most of the year traveling in their RV bringing Gospel Music with Good News to numerous places throughout our country. We are so lucky to have been able to put him on our calendar again! You can find complete information about Dan and his ministry at <http://www.dan-schall.org>.

And, in October, a very gifted musical family group from Alabama, The Kempters, will provide a concert at the Richmond Community UMC for the entire community. This is the first time The Kempters have been in this area and are in much demand throughout the US. We were fortunate to find a spot in their busy schedule. They will be at the Church on October 16 with their concert starting at 6:30 pm. Their performance will be preceded by a pot-luck dinner starting at 5 pm. All welcome! Come, bring a dish of your choice, eat, and converse with your friends and the members of the Kempter Family before the performance. More information on the Kempters and their ministry can be found at <http://www.thekempters.com>. Bring family and friends for an afternoon/evening of great food and incredible musical blessings.

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Looking back, June was a fun month with Pastor Arnie attending the New England Annual Conference at Gordon College in Wenham, MA when all the UMC churches in the New England Conference get together to discuss and plan the upcoming year. At RCUMC, we celebrated Pentecost Sunday with the blessing of and release of two dozen helium-filled red prayer balloons signifying the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the original Pentecost 2,000 years ago as the Apostles and believers gathered following the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. We also celebrated special Mother's Day and Father's day services honoring all parents. We were also blessed with a wonderful Memorial Day Service honoring veterans in our families and community. Many good things have been happening at Richmond UMC and many more are to come at both the Church and in our community.

ALL are invited to become part of our Church Family every Sunday at 9 am at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., just east of the 4-Corner Store on Rt. 119. Come and be blessed! All denominations and all people are welcome! Services at 9 am every Sunday! Remember, this is YOUR Community Church!

## Full Swing

Linda Dubois

The camp is in full swing at this time with lots of projects going on to get ready for camp. We also have had many school groups coming to camp to enjoy the fun things that camp has to offer. The annual meeting was held in May and there were a few dedications that took place at that time. We had a new archery shed dedicated for Peter de Moya and a new cabin also in his name. We had the road dedicated as Dickinson Lane and the grassy area by the Alumni house to be Dickinson park. If you would like to get out and enjoy the park, bring a lunch as there are picnic tables and chairs.

There was a new tower built at the waterfront that the board President jumped off of. Staff are showing up for training. By the time this newsletter is out, camp will be busy with campers at both the North Village and the South Village.

## 20 Years Ago. The Visitor

Michael Mahoney

I was lying on my bed wide awake. I was thinking about what had happened at school that day. I had had a very bad day even though it was my thirteenth birthday. My birthday was somewhat spoiled because of this weird feeling in my gut. I don't

know why, but it just seemed to linger in my conscience.

I was just drifting off to sleep when I heard it. It seemed to be coming closer and closer. It was a constant, high-pitched sound like a whistle. The sound came so close that it sounded like it was hovering right above the house!

All of a sudden, I felt paralyzed. I was excited. No. I was scared out of my wits. Just then a fluorescent red beam came through the ceiling and struck my forehead. I felt calm, I don't know why, but it was as though I was being soothed by some great, unknown, powerful source.

Just then a person, no, I take that back, a being came walking through my wall and stood next to my bed. The being had a look of curiosity in its enormous dark eyes. It was about five feet tall with all the same human features with one exception. It had a huge head with large black eyes like that of a bug. I noticed the high-pitched noise had vanished into the night.

Thoughts raced through my mind. It placed its hand on my arm. I was astonished when my arm started to glow with a greenish color. It then reached for a utility belt that was hooked around its waist. The alien pulled an instrument of some sort out of a case on the belt. I had never seen anything like it before. It looked around my room while it drew blood from my arm. Time seemed to just crawl by.

The alien finally finished drawing blood from my arm. After it put the blood sample back in the case, it pulled out a scalpel or a cutting tool. All of a sudden my dog, Sparky, came running in. The being gave me a baffled look. Sparky saw the alien and started to bark. The alien jumped back. I could tell it was uncomfortable with the dog around. Unexpectedly it reached its three fingered-hand to a button on its belt and disappeared. The high pitched sound started again and then slowly dissipated.

I started to feel scared again and I began shivering with excitement, for it was then that I realized I had been visited by the outside world!

Frantically I jumped out of bed while I was yelling and screaming for my mom and dad. I raced down the hallway, and into my parent's bedroom. I scrambled up onto the bed and started crying. My mom was hysterical and my dad, well, he was still half asleep. My mom tried to calm me down while my dad asked what was going on. I told them what happened. My dad almost started laughing and my mom suggested I was just dreaming. My dad was now laughing his head off. I started to think. I was trying to think of something that could prove to my



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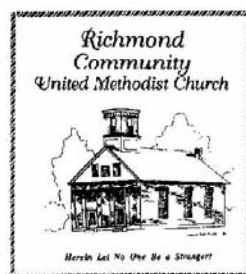
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## Warrant Article 58 passed at the Town Meeting in March, 2014.

Please study. "To see if the Town will vote, within the framework of the Master Plan, Section II, Energy, to join the transition town movement by becoming committed as best possible to energy and resource conservation such as community gardens, ridesharing, recycling, the use of renewable energy, and direct the Voluntary Energy Committee to establish the process in an advisory role only." Volunteer Energy Com. (VEC)

parents that it had happened. Then it came to me. How could I be so stupid? If that alien had taken a blood sample from my arm, there would have to be a mark! I turned my arm to the side and searched, but to my astonishment, there was no mark! I couldn't believe there was no mark.

I was so frustrated that my own parents wouldn't believe me. I pondered my mom's suggestion. Maybe I did dream this whole thing up. Or just maybe it actually happened. But to this day I still haven't figured it out.

*Michael is the son of Biff Mahoney. This essay took third place honors in the Carteret County (NC) Women's Club Scholarship Contest.*

### Summer

Judith M. Graves

Lazy days, paper plates, lots of grilling, salads, corn on the cob, and mowing the lawns. We wait for summer, children can't wait 'til school is out, brides set the month of June as the goal for a wedding, reunions, lots of water sports, and best of all we take the time to enjoy the days doing what we want to do.

We just moved from forty-four years living in Richmond, into Keene where things are 2-4 minutes away, there are less potholes and winding roads, we see the gas gauge go down so slowly, and we are closer to all that we enjoy doing. It isn't far enough away that we lose contact with our friends, but closer to what we do more at this time of our life. A new season for us in many ways.

We moved into Richmond on September 26, 1970 and raised our three children on a family farm at Randallane on Bullock Road. It was a place to raise children from helping to boil syrup, pluck chickens, ride the back of a pig, bike to Sandy Pond for a dip, and make trails for motor bikes. The place to raise a family with freedom for the children to grow and learn values of living in a family. We loved being able to allow our children to roam and be safe, to yell if we wanted to, and just welcome family and friends.

Now, it is just us, along with my mother who is 97, and two dogs. We no longer feel the need to live on the farm. Being able

to get to church in four minutes, groceries in six minutes, pick up a take-out meal so fast, and just be able to pick up what we need so quickly is where we are in our retirement years.

The house we're in now we call "the summer house," as we plan to build a new house. We are enjoying grilling a lot, having friends stop in, reading a magazine on the patio, sipping lemonade, and enjoying what the summer season has to offer.

The raised half-barrels we brought with us are filling in with tomatoes, peppers, herbs, and even some flowers. We set them on the cement wellcover and it makes it so easy not having to bend to weed. The joy of gardening just got that much easier on the back. Ahhhh, Summer. The basil is ready to add to all tomato meals, the chives to top all the salads, cottage cheese, and to sprinkle over tuna sandwiches, and anything that a light onion flavor would enhance. And lettuce to pluck!

When I was a child I would go to daddy's garden and pick some lettuce leaves. I would wash them and sprinkle them with sugar, then roll them, and enjoy. Summer memories! The tomatoes I would pull off the vines, wash with the hose, and just let the juice run down my chin as I bit into those delicious fruits. Today, I enjoy a bowlful of the cherry tomatoes on the counter to pick just like candy and eat all day long.

We miss our full garden this year, but our friends have said that we can share with them. Next year, perhaps we will have our garden again to share right back with others. So a summer of easy gardening for us as we live out the season here.

Enjoy your summer. Stop long enough to listen to the birds, watch a butterfly in flight, laugh, and thank our Lord for His many blessings.

### Betsy's 2014 Yard Sale for a Cure!

Elizabeth Pearsall

**Where:** 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH

**When:** July 12 – 13, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, rain or shine!

**Why:** For the past eight years, I have walked in the "Komen 3Day for a Cure" breast cancer walks in Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, Dallas, San Diego, Phoenix, San Francisco and

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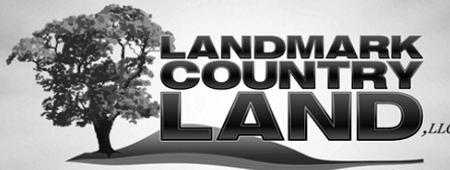
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Cleveland. This August 22, 23 and 24, I will be walking in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul, Minnesota. On July 12 – 13, I will be holding our Sixth Annual Yard Sale for a Cure fundraiser. This is the only community event that I use for my fundraising.

I would greatly appreciate your support. Please stop by to say hello and browse through the yard sale! Come early for a cup of coffee and a doughnut! All monies raised through this effort will go directly toward my minimum fund-raising goal of \$2300. This is the amount I must raise in order to participate in the walk. Many of you have stopped by to browse, and have made some very generous donations in the past. For this I am extremely grateful.

A nugget of information I picked up this year... In 2013 the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital received a grant from the VT/NH Komen for a Cure affiliate and purchased a mammography chair that allows people with physical disabilities to get the breast health care they would otherwise be unable to access. An example of your generous donations at work!

I look forward to seeing you all there! I am accepting donations of saleable goods (no clothing or large furniture, please!) that you would care to donate to this effort. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at 239-7478 or parallax@ne.rr.com. If you would care to donate directly to my efforts, please go to [www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh](http://www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh).

## Out and About

John Bocalini

**Tues July 1, 7 pm. Wed July 2 – Sat. July 5, 8 pm and Sun. July 6, 4 pm. Family Secrets.** Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough

**Fri. July 4, – Sat. July 26, 10:30 am. The Emperors New Clothes.** Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough

**Sat. July 5, 7:30 pm. Round the Mountain Variety Show.** Monadnock Center for History and Culture, 19 Grove St. Peterborough. \$15/12

**Thurs. July 9 – Sat. July 12, 8 pm., Sun. July 13, 4 pm, Tues. July 15, 7 pm, Wed. July 16 – Sat. July 19, 8 pm. Last of the Red Hot Lovers.** Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough

**Sat. July 12, 7:30 pm. All Mendelssohn Concert.** Monadnock Chamber Orchestra featuring Violinist Tessa Lark. Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove St. P'borough. \$25.

**Tues. – Wed. July 15 – 16, 2 shows daily @ 1 pm and 6 pm. Circus Smirkus.** Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey. Adults: \$21 Youth: (7-12) \$17 Child: (2-6) \$14 The Richmond Library  
**Wed. July 23 – Aug. 3, The Granite State. 8 pm.** Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough

## Free Monadnock Music 2014 Festival Schedule –

Free-of-charge. No tickets or reservations required. Voluntary donations to support the Monadnock Music Village Concerts will be accepted at the performance.

**Sun, July 13, 3 pm. Music of Steve Reich & Beethoven – The Spektral Quartet.** Harrisville Community Church (13 Canal St, Harrisville, NH)

**Thurs. July 17, 7:30 pm. Complete Songs of Edward MacDowell.** Emerging Artist Series. Deering Community Church (Deering Center Rd, Deering, NH)

**Sat. July 19, 7:30 pm. Music of Walter Piston & Ernst Chausson.** The Monadnock Players Piano Trio. Unitarian Universalist Church in Milford (20 Elm St, Milford, NH)

**Sun. July 20, 3 pm. Music of Amy Beach and Robert Schumann.** The Monadnock Players Piano Trio. Greenfield Meeting House (Forest Rd, Greenfield, NH)

**Thurs. July 24, 7:30 pm. The Early Music Series,** Sullivan Congregational Church (435 Centre St, Sullivan, NH 03445)

**Sun. July 27, 3 pm. Solo Recital - Rafael Popper-Keizer, cello.** Emmanuel Church, Dublin (18 Lehmann Way, Dublin, NH)

**Thurs. July 31, 7:30 pm. Music of Mozart.** The Monadnock Players String Quintet Jaffrey Center Meeting House (Laban Ainsworth Way, Jaffrey Center, NH)

## Amos Series Forum

Free admission all lectures are held at the Meetinghouse in Historic Jaffrey Center, 2 miles west of downtown Jaffrey, NH.

**Fri. July 11, 8 pm. The Future of Truth and the Decline of America's Moral Integrity,** Charles Lewis

**Fri. July 18, 8 pm. Seed of the Future: Yosemite and the National Park Idea.** Dayton Duncan

**Fri. July 25, 8 pm. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (The Forest Society): Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow in New Hampshire,** Jane A. Difley

**Thurs. July 23 – Sat. July 26, 8 pm, Sun. July 13, 4 pm,**

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**Tues. July 29, 7 pm, Wed. July 30 – Sat. July 31, 8 pm.** The Granite State Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough  
**Sat. July 26 – 7:30 pm Geoffrey Burleson, pianist.** Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove St, Peterborough, NH). Tickets: \$25 (general admission)

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**July 16: “Fun with Robots.”** Make a “Bot-Mobile.”

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**July 30: “It’s Alive!”** Go on a nature walk with Richmond naturalist Susan Wyatt.

**Sat, July 12 10 am – noon Fun Day.**

### Fitzwilliam Inn

Every Wednesday, 7 pm. Open Mic.

**Saturday, July 5, Northern Stone.** Rock covers and originals. 8:30 –11:00 pm. \$5 cover.

**Friday, July 11, The Lydia Warren Band.** Rockin’ Blues. 8:30 – 11:00 pm. \$10 cover.

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**Fri July 11 Dinner** – John Cucchi, guitar and vocals

**Sun July 13 Brunch** – Bob Arpin, guitar

**Fri July 18 Dinner** – Michael Blake, guitar

**Sun July 20 Brunch** – Mike Wakefield, jazz

**Fri July 25 Dinner** – Alan Perlman, solo jazz piano

**Sun July 27 Brunch** – Michael Blake, guitar

**Fri Aug 1 Dinner** – Diane Ammons, piano and vocal

### Ongoing:

**Mondays, 8 pm. Contra Dancing,** Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3. Nelson

**Tuesdays 7 pm. Celtic Music Night,** Harlow’s Pub, P’borough.

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

### Wednesday’s Wieners

Joe Townweber

Mark your calendars for the four Wednesdays in August. The Richmond Community Church at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Rt. 119) is planning a drive-through hotdog cookout at the Red Brick Church. A menu consisting of quality charcoal-grilled turkey or beef hot dogs in a bun, chips, drinks, and homemade brownies, will be available for takeout from 5 to 7 pm.

Here is a chance for Richmond residents to take a break from cooking for these four evenings in August by taking away a readymade picnic to enjoy at a location of their choice. Y’all come and tell your friends! Better yet, bring them!

### Quotable Quote

Terri O’Rorke

“Anything you lose will be replaced by something. You just have to be open to it.” — Michael J. Fox

### Lessons through failures

Michelle Connor

Thomas Edison said “I have not failed; I have just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” When faced with a business “failure,” owners need to put it into perspective which can be difficult. Perhaps that new ad campaign didn’t work-out quite as you hoped, maybe the new hire wasn’t as qualified as you thought or the new software program wasn’t as beneficial as expected.

Here are a few ways to put failure into perspective. **Use failure as a guide for future progress.** Early failures are important because they help to show where opportunities are or aren’t and how to address them. You’re testing new ideas, then you can use that information for implementing systems. **Use failure for growth.** Without failures, would you appreciate the successes? How would you learn how to grow if everything were to come easily? The struggles of going through failure, helps an owner to build strength and the perseverance needed to run a business.

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**Always review the situation or project that has failed.** Meet for a “correction of errors.” This isn’t a pointing-fingers session but rather a learning session on how to take the failure and create successful systems for the future.

## Seldom Done, “Princess Ida” Gets a Fine Production

Frank Behrens

PRINCESS IDA. I have been writing much about the Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society’s productions of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Here, I want to commend their 2007 production of the seldom-performed “Princess Ida.” With a weak libretto,



dialogue in blank verse, and an uncomfortable anti-feminist approach, this work still has one of the most delightful scores in the G&S series.

Taking aim at women who, in Gilbert’s time, wanted equal rights to an advanced education, the plot concerns Prince Hilarion (Scott Rittenhouse) and his two friends Cyril (John Brookes) and Florian (Michael Giles) who break into Castle Adamant so that the Prince can claim his bride, Princess Ida (Amanda Brown), while her father King Gama (Dave Ross) is held hostage by King Hildebrand (William J. Darkow), father to Hilarion. (Get it?)

Among the students of Adamant, all of whom are sworn to avoid males of any kind (including chessmen and roosters), are the philosophical Lady Blanche (Alyce Rogers), her daughter Melissa (Elizabeth Ford), and Florian’s sister Psyche (Cara

Iverson). And let me not forget Ida’s three hulking brothers, who always appear in armor until they have to fight, at which time they strip it all off.

The songs are a joy. Gama has two patter songs, the first of which is really Gilbert’s opinion of himself; Psyche has the delightful tale of the ape who loved a lovely maiden; Ida has two operatic arias of great beauty; the three young men have two funny trios in a row; the three brothers have a wonderful parody of Handelian oratorio; and all of the ensembles are either amusing or beautiful. Lady Blanche’s only solo is among the worst Sullivan ever composed (look at the lyrics!), but I am glad it is kept for the sake of completeness.

The scenery is colorful and does a good 180-degree rotation in Act II. The costumes are as Gilbert wanted them: medieval, despite the presence of telescopes and cigars. There is some silly ad-libbing as the men change into women’s gowns, but that is the only addition to the text; and the three brothers do bump into each other a little too often. But in general, director Christine Goff shows respect for her author and composer, and conductor Bernard Kwiram gives her able support from the pit. Copies can be ordered through the website at [www.pattersong.org](http://www.pattersong.org).

## Walden G. “Wally” Whitham Passes

Kathleen Whitham

Walden G. “Wally” Whitham, 93, of Troy, passed away June 12, 2014, with his son Wesley and family lovingly at his side.

Born on May 21, 1921, in Lincoln, NB, Mr. Whitham grew up in Quincy and Milton, MA, and graduated from Milton High School. He attended the University of Nebraska. After working a variety of jobs he settled for most of his working years in the family business, the Charles Street Garage in Boston, one of the first Volkswagen dealerships in the United States.

He was fortunate to have had two wonderful wives, first Ann Roebuck of Winchendon, MA, and after her untimely death, Esther Peterson of Milton, who also died earlier.

After living for many years in Dedham, MA, he and Esther retired to Pocasset on Cape Cod, his “little piece of paradise.” For a while he was a member of the Tide Club, and a familiar face at many local businesses. He was referred to by some as “the Mayor of Pocasset.”

Mr. Whitham was a lover of art. Although never a full-time profession, it remained one of his passions. He was particularly fond of portraiture and found pleasure in producing drawings,

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charcoal and watercolors, as well as constructing the mats and frames for display. In his later years he was a well-known patron of local art galleries. Another love was singing. His first wife, Ann, sang opera, and he and Esther sang in several church choirs throughout their lives. He could also be found at a variety of open mikes in the Pocasset and Falmouth areas.

In the last two years, Mr. Whitham left the Cape to live in Troy. He was near his sons, where he received primary support from his son Wesley and his wife Katie, and granddaughters, Zoe, Lexie and Willow, in the home of Katie's mother, Laraine Howard.

Survivors include his and Ann's daughter, Wendy Whitham of Newton, MA; his three children with Esther, Walden Jr. of Richmond, Wanda Bender of Newton, MA, and Wesley of Fitzwilliam; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. Mr. Whitham asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of one's choice. The Foley Funeral Home of Keene is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Sunny Skies and Beautiful Gardens

Sandy Holbrook

The skies cleared just in time for the third annual garden tour sponsored by our Richmond Agricultural Commission. Shortly after 10 am visitors began pulling into the various garden locations to see the wonders and variety of this year's spring blossoms. Like many of the other gardeners, I wondered what I would have for blossoms as the garden season was a bit later than usual. Mother Nature did not disappoint us as there was an assortment of blooms for both the spring bulbs and some of the flowering shrubs.

This year's tour coincided with Flag Day, so I took the opportunity to honor the occasion by creating a makeshift flag pole in the middle of one garden. It worked! Several of the gardeners were pleased to see some new faces this year. We were also very pleased to see many who have been on previous tours. On behalf of the RAC, thank you for your support. Hopefully we have inspired others to participate in the 2015 Garden Tour which may be held at the end of the summer to capture the array of fall colors of the perennials and annuals.

Again, thank you Jan and Bob Weekes, Carol Jamison, Al Karevy and Patti Harville, Rosti and Jeani Eismont, Sandy Holbrook, and Barbara and Stillman Rogers for inviting us to share the uniqueness of your beautiful landscaped gardens.

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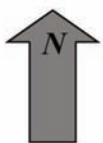
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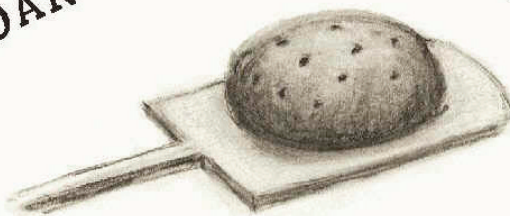
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### **Board of Selectmen:**

Sandra Gillis, Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk  
Mon. 7:00 PM –

**Selectmen's Assistant:** Heidi Wood

### **Town Secretary:**

Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 6 PM – 7 PM

Wed. 8 AM – 12 NOON, 1 PM – 4 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON

**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**

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