



FEBRUARY 2015

# Pipe Line

Marcus Beauregard

I heard about a pipeline that might go through Richmond, and then the path was along the power line easement. So I went to a meeting in Fitzwilliam. What I learned was that they will run a 36-inch pipe line 50 feet off the power lines, through Richmond into Fitzwilliam. They will cut a path 100 feet wide for a working area. **All my trees on the south side will be gone. They will grade my land to suit their needs. The value of my home will drop, and become unmarketable if I wanted to sell. Who would want high tension lines and a pipe line in their backyard?**

When I bought my home, I knew about the power lines. I really didn't care that they were there. I liked the house and back yard. Last fall, the power company told me they needed to cut down the trees under the power lines and that I had no choice in the matter. It was a state wide safety issue. But what I don't need is another company telling me what I can or can't do with my land. I can't imagine the possibility of a pumping station, with a 60,000 – 80,000 hp motor running 24/7 with the noise and exhaust fumes near by. There are folks who think, "it's not on my property, what do I care." Just think about the peace and quiet *you take for granted*. If they build a pump station, even a mile away you're going to hear it.

I've been contacted by mail and phone to allow this company to send a representative to walk my land. I've sent a certified letter, and verbally told the representative he's not welcome.

My property has a small pond which attracts wildlife. I have two wells, both of which will be disturbed. The small hill and my juniper bushes will be gone. What stipulations will be attached to my property in the name of natural gas? If any? **What gives any COMPANY the right if eminent domain is brought into play?** The natural resources, wildlife, and the clean, private living that we all enjoy in Richmond will be gone. We all live here for freedom and privacy. What ever happened to freedom and privacy? **Where are MY RIGHTS in this situation? I'm the land owner and I should have some chance to say NO!**

If all the residents that feel this is a "GOOD" move for the town, a move that is necessary in the name of ENERGY, then I'm going to suggest on February 4th at the Winchester meeting, that the line be moved to **THEIR** property. **I SAY, "NO THANK YOU" TO THE PIPELINE!!!**

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

**If you're reading the *Rooster* online before January 27, you have time to pay any delinquent taxes before the deadline of February 1 to avoid being listed in the Annual Report.**

**Second Pre-Warrant Budget hearing.** This pre-warrant hearing will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7 pm in the Veterans Hall to discuss creating a special revenue fund, per RSA 31:95-d, I(b). Special revenue funds restrict future revenues from a specific source to expenditures for a specific purpose, in this case, restricting revenues from dump stickers to offset expenditures for the waste management budget line item. This expenditure requires an appropriation every year. Special revenue funds are held by the town treasurer.

Second hearings will also be held that night on warrant articles that may have been changed or revised at the public hearing held in January. We hope you plan to attend at least one pre-warrant hearing to give input on how your taxpayer dollars may be spent in 2015.

**Hazardous Waste Disposal.** We'd like to remind all residents that the town annually appropriates funds for hazardous waste disposal – it is a small amount that results in savings for every resident who uses the service and helps keep the environment safe for all of us. Please note that disposal rates are lower for towns that approve the appropriation.

By the time you read this, the Selectmen should be back in our Town Hall office. We thank Heidi Wood, Town Administrator and Sarah Dunton, Administrative Assistant for making the Veterans Hall kitchen a very comfortable space for us and our meetings. They went above and beyond the call of duty, taking on the responsibility of moving the office from Town Hall, and setting it up again in the kitchen. Squishing around the office for several days following the leak, they managed the carpet removal and initial drying out of the floor, and then they managed the move when the insurance adjuster told us the floor had to be removed to prevent mold and mildew from growing as soon as it warmed up. We also thank West Rindge Builders for their prompt and expert replacement of the floor. While the floor was removed, the Selectmen decided to do a job that has needed doing for years – we asked WRB to assess the structural floor joists (many were trees!) and repair/replace as necessary, and to seal the foundation, install a vapor barrier, and insulate the space under the floor to reduce our energy costs in the coming years. When you visit, you will notice that we no longer need the carpet, which was the only way at the time to keep the office even manageably warm in the winter. Now you can enjoy your visit to the Selectmen's office even more!

As always, if you want to talk with the Selectmen, please call the Town Administrator, Heidi Wood, at 239-4232 for an appointment. And please visit the Town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov) to read breaking news, the latest posted notices and meeting minutes, and find the applications you need for building and driveway permits; for a variance or special exception, and to catch up with your neighbors at community events.

## 2015 Calendar Dates Richmond Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

MON Feb. 16 CLOSED – President's Day

THU Feb. 26 Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk

## Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

We are in the midst of winter's grip and March seems a far distant future. And yet, the work, in preparation for the Town meeting, began a long time ago and will continue after the gavel falls.

The first session of the Town meeting (Town Election) will be on March 10, 2015. The polls will be open at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

The second session (the business session) has been on the following Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Hall in recent years. Attending voters will have the opportunity to discuss, amend, and vote on the proposed annual budget and other questions on the warrant.

For those not registered to vote, the last opportunity to register will be March 10, 2015 at the Veterans Memorial Hall during the polling hours. If you are not registered to vote by March 10th, you will not be able to vote at the second session.

Absentee voting is not early voting! New Hampshire has no provision for early voting. In order for someone to vote by absentee ballot, that person must meet one of the following conditions:

Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote;

Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons;

Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability;

Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work.

All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town of Richmond website under the Town Clerk's page.

I always welcome your phone call (239-6202) should you have any questions.

## License Your Dog

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dog tags are available at the Town Clerk's office. If you licensed your dog in Richmond last year, you can now request the 2015 dog tag online. Go to the Town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov) and go to the Town Clerk's page found under the Town Department tab. Toward the middle of the Town Clerk's page, you will find the link for the online service.

If you licensed your dog last year or have recently acquired a new dog, you need to license your dog with the Town of Richmond. In either case, the rabies vaccination must be current in order for you to license your dog. If you've added a puppy or dog to your family, you are required to vaccinate it for rabies



within thirty days after it reaches three months of age or after acquiring an adult dog. Once you've vaccinated the puppy or dog, you can then license it. Please bring the rabies certificate with you when you come to the office to license your puppy or dog. If it has been neutered or spayed, please bring documentation to verify that.

Following are the licensing fees. For puppies or dogs that have been altered, the fee is \$6.50. Unaltered dogs cost \$9.00. If you, the owner, are 65 years of age or older, you will pay \$2.00 for your first dog and the regular fees for any additional dogs that you own. I encourage everyone who has a dog to avoid late fees and/or civil forfeiture fees by licensing your dog on time!

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### The Road Not Taken

A fine art exhibit inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken," will be featured at the Richmond Public Library between February 1 and February 28. This exhibit is touring libraries and nature centers throughout the entire state of New Hampshire. The presentation, designed by three Derry artists, Ingeborg V. Seaboyer, Judy Krassowski, and Corinne Dodge, features twenty – thirty works that reflect a variety of personal interpretations of the most famous, as well as some of the "less traveled," works of one of America's most inspiring poets, Robert Frost. Images in pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oils are accompanied by a selected verse that inspired each individual work.



Northbound Skid by Ingeborg V. Seaboyer

The RPL is pleased to offer a "closing" reception on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. Come by and view the exhibit, as well as some of the poetry created by our youngest patrons during story hour. We will have light refreshments available.

### Community Coffee Hour at the Library

Drop by for coffee, tea, and goodies on Saturday, February 7th anytime between 10:30 and 11:30. Chat with your neighbors, enjoy our traveling art exhibit, and see what your local library has to offer!



Winter Afternoon by Corinne Dodge



Nothing Gold by Judy Krassowski

**Wednesdays with Wendy** continues throughout the winter months at 10:00 a.m. We will be offering crafts and stories with the following themes:

Feb. 11: Valentine's Day

Feb. 18: President Birthdays

### New additions to the collection:

#### Adult Fiction

*The Job*, Janet Evanovich

*In the Woods*, Tana French

*Woman Upstairs*, Claire Messud

*Dear Life: Stories*, Alice Munro

#### Adult Biography

*Penelope Fitzgerald: A Life*, Hermione Lee

#### DVD

*Doc Martin*, Season 6

**2014 NH Ladybug Picture Book Award Winner**  
*If I Built A House*, Chris Van Dusen



Kate and Kallie at the Library.

**Reading with Keeta and Kallie, Therapy Dogs**

Keeta, Kallie, and Kate will be here on Sat. Feb. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Kallie and Keeta continue to offer their gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat-no reservations are needed.



Kallie and Keeta.

**The Elaine Moriarty  
Volunteer of the Year Award**

Wendy O'Brien

The RPL is pleased to announce that this year's "Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Award" will be given to Kate Simington and her therapy dogs Kallie, Keeta, and Kodah (who has since passed away). Kate's dedication and service to the RPL began in April 2010, when she first introduced Kodah and the love of reading to the children of Richmond. Since that time, each month she has cheerfully come with a doggie friend in order to listen and encourage children to read. Adults enjoy her carefully trained dogs as well, as they bring cheery smiles to everyone's face. The RPL is just a small part of Kate and her dogs' volunteer work. They regularly visit with patients at Cheshire Medical Center, students at local colleges during stressful exam times, and at additional reading times at the Mon-

adnock Humane Society. We are truly thankful for Kate, Kallie and Keeta, (the 3Ks as we call them!) and the loving time they spend with us. This award was named after Elaine Moriarty, who is beloved by many children and young adults in Richmond for all of her hard work for the RPL over the years. Thank you Elaine and Kate!

**Fire House News**

Lt. Melanie Ellis

Winter is here and the temperature is dropping. Even though we had a very cold streak in the beginning of January, you still need to be careful when venturing out onto the local ponds. You can't judge the strength of ice by its appearance, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors, plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the body of water, currents, and the distribution of the load on the ice.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away. Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges, and culverts. The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

According to the American Red Cross, there are some safety tips to help keep you and your family safe during the winter months. When out in the cold weather, wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat. Remember the three-foot rule, if you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable; things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs, at least three feet away. Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.

Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage. If you are warming up your vehicle before you leave for work, do not warm it up in an enclosed area, such as the garage.

And last, don't forget your furry family. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.

**Things and Thoughts from the District**

Neil Moriarty

**A New Chairman Elected to Lead our School Board**

On January 6, 2015, Dick Thackston resigned and Barry Faulkner (from Swanzey) was elected Chairman. Thanks, Dick, for your dedicated service.

**2015 Warrant Articles**

Due to the move of the district's Deliberative Session (January 31, 2015) and timing of the Public Hearing on the warrant



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articles (January 15, 2015), many of my comments on the warrant articles will wait until March 2015. Some preliminary observations: There is no forecast Operation Budget going into the Public Hearing, as the Board's Finance Committee elected not to get involved this year. That means the Budget Committee will set the Operating Budget on the 15th.

Article 2 requests **\$1.1 million to be spent on Mount Caesar upgrades**. Mount Caesar deserves and needs updates, however, the state no longer refunds any money for school construction (state rebate would have been \$627,000 on \$1.1 million). That means we are taxed the entire \$1.1 million. **There will most likely be contracts for the voters to vote up-or-down on in March** (not available at press time).

Article Five calls for a **\$50,000 reserve fund for heat fuel**. It's not like we don't know what fuel will cost, nor have we been short of fuel (we've had surpluses for the last five years).

In my mind the most senseless is Article 8, cutting off the return of \$630,000 (state reimbursement for prior year construction) to the taxpayers, and putting it in a reserve fund that has no plan. This seems to me an attempt to fund a new multipurpose room without a bond. **This is taking \$630,000 that will pay down our tax bill and add \$630,000 to our tax bill.**

**Superintendent Hiring:** The ad for a new superintendent was released on January 7. Responses are due on February 17, 2015. There are many openings for superintendents in New Hampshire. Wish my team luck. We are most likely going to learn some new interview techniques in the hiring, and can get some help from the Superintendent Association.

**Cost Per Pupil Improved Within Monadnock** The 2013-2014 Cost Per Pupil figures were released by New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE). We have improved our Cost Per Pupil to about \$2,500 over the state average (from excess of \$3,000 over the state average). This was done by your budget committee keeping an eye on the total of all spending, while continuing education improvement.

**The School Day Modified to a Five-Period Format for Grades 7 – 12:** The schedule change will bring MRSD class schedule closer to the Cheshire Career Center (CCC located at Keene High), allowing our students to take more career courses. Additionally, it will now allow sophomores to attend CCC. Under the old class schedule, MRSD students could only attend courses that were offered as the first or last class at the CCC.

If you have comments or thoughts, I can be reached at:

239-4031; cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or 782 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond. Jim Carney can help with district items at 239-4948.

## Valentine Making Party

Katie Eliopoulos-Parks

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a Valentines making party on Sunday Feb.8, at the Richmond Vets hall from 1 – 3 p.m. There will be card making supplies, ideas and light refreshments. All are welcome.

## January Update

Jim McConnell – NH Representative – Cheshire 12  
(Richmond/Swanzey)

As the legislature convened January 7, and the deadline for *Rooster* submissions is the 10th, the report from Concord will necessarily be brief. The only item of note is that I have been appointed to the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee. This committee was my first choice as it deals with water pollution – a matter that I'm concerned about, and am addressing with two bills. The first bill reduces the allowable limit of MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether), a known animal carcinogen in drinking water to 0 micrograms per liter, from the state's current limit of 13 micrograms per liter. The second bill directs the state's university system to conduct a study of long-term human exposure to MTBE. During the campaign, I made it clear that these two bills would be my first priority.

Over the past month, I've spent a good deal of time considering the proposed natural gas pipeline. My initial reaction to the announcement that the pipeline would be proposing a New Hampshire route, was that I should support the community in any decision it arrived at. I have since concluded, however, that **I am opposed to the pipeline**. While I support bringing natural gas to northern New England, I can see no reason to bring it through New Hampshire. The route through Massachusetts is nearly a straight west-east line. While the damage the pipeline will do to property values and the environment is sufficient grounds to oppose the project, detouring the project north to New Hampshire and then south to Massachusetts makes no sense and adds miles of pipeline to the project.

The Maplewood Nursing Home is also an important issue. I am a member of the County Delegation's Maplewood Committee, and expect our meetings on the subject to begin shortly. Having spent time touring Maplewood, and attending a number



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## Windswept Mountains' View Christmas Tree Farm

We wish to thank all of the Richmond and regional community residents and families for supporting our farm during 2014. We had a successful tree harvest in spite of the very difficult weather conditions that left the trees covered with frozen snow and ice for three consecutive weeks. We appreciate all of our customer's patience as the conditions required a much longer time to cut, transport and prepare your trees.

We especially want to thank and recognize all of our employees, who made an exceptional effort to serve our customers under these adverse conditions. They are from the following communities:

Fitzwilliam: **Bill Packard, Diane Hill, Brian and Ginger Doerpholz, and Anthony Mollica**

Dublin: **Scott Thompson**

Keene: **Trisha Moore, Adrian Packard, Kristie Schaffer, Ray Custodio, and E. Odom**

Richmond: **Doug Mallet, Sam Douglas, Pierre Brouillard, Jeff Potts, Lynsey Kadlik, Ryan Spath and Sears Liebhere**

We were extremely fortunate to have such dedicated, hardworking, polite and "can do attitude" employees working on our farm. Thank you to the parents who have done a great job raising these young people. It was our great pleasure to have them work for us and we can all be proud of the young folks of Richmond and surrounding area towns.

We look forward to seeing all of you during the 2015 Fall apple picking, tree tagging and harvest season.

Many Thanks, Sue and Jeff Taylor, Growers

of promotional meetings on the subject, I have an extensive list of questions about the "Green House," the proposed alternative to the current facility. Foremost among them, is my sense that the Green House doesn't address patients who need total or near total care – as the overwhelming majority at Maplewood do. I am hard pressed to see how most of the patients at Maplewood are, for example, going to either help with, or do their own cooking. In my view, a centralized kitchen, where all of the meals are prepared by trained cooks for all of the patients, is appropriate for this patient population of 150. According to the material distributed at the Green House meetings, one nurse would split time between two homes during the day, and three homes at night. This seems to me, given the staffing required to provide total or near total care, entirely inadequate for the current Maplewood population. Assuming the burden on the taxpayers would be essentially equal, and based on what I have learned so far, were I forced to decide today, I would support repairing the current Maplewood facility, as it will better serve the needs of the most challenging patients in our county who, because of their condition, have no other options.

My telephone number (357-7150) and email [mcc@mind-spring.com](mailto:mcc@mind-spring.com)) are listed here. I prefer to communicate by telephone as responding to emails in depth is a much slower process. If you send me a lengthy email, I'll probably respond by telephone, so please include your telephone number.

## The Richmond 250 Cane

Sandy Holbrook

Each year the Richmond 250 Cane is presented to the oldest person residing in the Town of Richmond. This honorable tradition began in 2001 – Richmond's Bicentennial year – and signifies the fact that age itself is to be venerated. Our current recipient of the cane was born on May 11, 1913.

If you know anyone living in Richmond with an earlier birth date, who may be eligible for this honor, please contact Sandy Holbrook at 239-4628. The deadline for notification is March 5, 2015. The cane will be presented at the March Town Meeting in 2015.

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## Oh Boy, Spring Is Coming!

Judith M. Graves

As New Englanders get through the holidays, they start planning their gardens. Seed catalogues come in daily, add a hot cup of tea, pad and pencil, and we are all set for dreaming. Watching the snow fall out the window sets the mood.

One of the hardest things for a gardener, is to move. The gardens that were planted, fertilized, and crops switched around to make it a good growing garden, is all left behind.

Here at the new/old house, we found that no gardeners ever lived here. There are so few plantings around the entire yard and no sign of any vegetable garden being here for many years. It used to have apple trees, as evidenced by some old trees still standing, and it was farmed with animals. In the spring/summer we found a quince bush flowering, quite a few old lilacs, a forsthia hedge, and a few jonquils. I was looking for a lot more!

We lived in Richmond for forty-four years, and had our bushes and plantings built up, and each year we added one new bush or tree. Blueberry bushes and strawberries even! When we moved, we left them all for the new folks to enjoy. We groaned over leaving the vegetable gardens, knowing that we would need to start all over in the new place. That alone seemed daunting at our age.

Well, we have our plans started. Our new garden will be a raised one, so we are counting the number of boards we will need and are drawing out the plans. Now, where to put the garden is our next step because there are so many deer around us that we just know we'll lose whatever we set in the ground. We found a good sunny spot, but do we want it there? Such a fun winter time pleasure.



The thought, however, has crossed our minds, as we re-

mind ourselves of all the work a garden entails. Maybe we will just visit the farm stands and get what we want daily now that we live so close. Hmm! Somehow the enjoyment of picking out of your own garden trumps it all. I think perhaps, we will start with a 4 x 8-foot raised garden and maybe in another year, add another one, if we find we can. Of course, I will have my 1/2 barrel container gardens for the herbs and flowers. Four for the herbs and five for the flowers will be this year's start.

I'm going to add three window boxes for wild flowers this year too. You know those packages of wildflower mix you see that makes your head spin with all sorts of bouquets you can pick? Well, last year before we left Richmond, the three window boxes that always sat on the ledge of the front porch were empty, and knowing we were going to move I found a package of wildflower mix. I went out and planted them in those three boxes rather than go and buy plants. Lo and behold, they were popping up so well that I grabbed them at the last minute and brought them here. All summer they were the prettiest window boxes I ever have had. Where I normally plant nasturtiums in them, or pansies, or even impatiens, the wildflower mix was gorgeous, straggly in the right spots, but all sorts of color from old-fashioned flowers, poppy, pinks, zinnias, asters, grasses. You name it, and daily, we enjoyed seeing what was going to pop out. Try it in some pot or box you have around the yard this year and see what you get. It was such a wonderful change from anything I ever have done in oh, so many years. This was one quick planting that turned out to be something I want to do again. What joy it brought. I even had a party and brought in one of the planters as the centerpiece on our island. Everyone enjoyed trying to name all the different flowers.

It isn't too early to start thinking of where you want to plant

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flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Place a hanging plant in a corner of the yard by a hammock or table, and enjoy the summer. They are short here in NH, so grab each moment and plan.

Remember, my hint of how to enjoy your gardens the most? Plant Memorial Day weekend outside, tend to them daily for the whole month of June, talk to them, water them, fertilize them, and weed them. Baby them for the entire month and don't miss a day. By July, you will only need to water and fertilize when needed, and your plants will flourish all July, August, and September. By the first of October, harvest, then put the planters and garden to bed 'til the next year. Happy Gardening! Judith

## Early Literacy Spring Startup

Elaine Moriarty

"Extra, Extra Read All About It" It's winter and I'm dozing in the hive. Buzzing is coming from the Queen Bee and her workers. I'm so excited about what I hear; my wings give a little stir.

A new early literacy program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers will be starting at the library in mid-March 2015. The Queen Bee says there will be musical instruments, games, songs and books.

Some of the skills gained will be:

An interest in books

How to sound out words

An increase in our vocabulary

Learning how to tell a story

Our A B C's and our 1 2 3's

Developing our skills for successful reading

Think spring. Stay tuned for the latest buzz in the next *Rooster*.

## Takodah News

Linda DuBois

Winter Reunion had over 140 people even with the lack of snow and no ice. The kids and returning staff had lots of fun with inside-and-outside games and feasting on grilled cheese, soup and s'more's, cookies and hot cocoa. Camp has had a few school groups come in for winter team-building skills. The camp has made our cabins available for rent, and the dining hall is available for family reunions and weddings. Maintenance is at full strength and has started to set a game plan for repairs and getting ready for summer camp. Love is in the air, Everyone have a happy Valentines Day.

## Spring Fever

Debra Carroll

As we begin a new year in beautiful Richmond, most of us agriculturally-minded people begin to go into planning mode for the coming season. Designing your garden should be an exciting project for anyone. Gardens can be any size and may include one type of plant or a variety. This is where you have the freedom to do whatever you like. While one may plant a field of basil, another may plant an ornamental garden or a vegetable garden. Gardening can be fun for the whole family, especially the kids. Kids love nature. Encouraging the next generation of farmers is what the agricultural movement is all about.

Spring is Coming!

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Thursday Feb 6 @ Vets Hall, 6pm

## Get Your Hands Dirty

Being outside in nature and getting your hands dirty can improve the quality of life overall as it takes you away from the daily grind and is relaxing. People need nature in their lives, and I know in NH, most people love the outdoors! Anyone who does landscaping or gardening will tell you it is a great stress reliever, and the finished product makes it worth the time. And it's especially great when kids can pick their very own flowers and enjoy seasonal veggies!

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## Community Garden

The Richmond Agricultural Committee has plans for a community garden which will serve as a meeting place for residents who wish to be involved in local agriculture and who would like to learn more about gardening. If you are knowledgeable about farming and gardening, we encourage you to get involved and share your knowledge with others. We are excited for the coming year and are happy to be able to bring you agricultural sponsored events throughout the year. We plan to have a section for both an ornamental and a vegetable garden and are currently scouting for a good location. If you have a suggestion, or know of a good spot, please contact Debra Potts dpotts08@gmail.com.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Feb. 1 – Feb. 28. “The Road Not Taken.”** A fine art exhibit inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost will be featured at the Richmond Library (see back cover for hours).

**Wed. Feb. 4 – Groundhog Day**

**Sat. Feb. 7, 10 am. – 4 pm. Keene Ice and Snow Festival:** Central Square and Railroad Depot, Keene

**Sat. Feb. 7, Community Coffee Hour at the Library.**

**Sat. Feb. 7, 5:30 – 7 pm. – Story of Sharon’s John Taggar** shared by musician and historian Randy Miller, 19 Grove St, P’borough.

**Sun. Feb. 8, 1 – 3 pm. Valentine-Making Richmond Vets Hall.**

**Wed. Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day at the Richmond Library.**

**Fri. Feb. 13, 7:30 pm. – Keene Lions Club presents “CINDERELLA,”** Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$24/\$22

**Sat./Sun Feb. 14, 15, 1 pm. – Keene Lions Club presents “CINDERELLA.”** Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$24/\$22

**Sun. Feb. 15, 7:30 pm. – Keene Lions Club presents “CINDERELLA,”** Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$24/\$22

**Sun. Feb 15, 3 pm. – Music in Bass Hall: Valentine’s Jazz with Stephanie Hurley,** 19 Grove St, P’borough. \$12.

**Wed. Feb. 18 – Presidents’ Day at the Richmond Library.**

**Thurs. Feb. 19, 7 pm. Second Pre-Warrant Budget hearing in the Veterans Hall.**

**Sun. Feb. 22, 3 pm. – Music in Bass Hall: The Red Hedgehog Trio,** 19 Grove St, P’borough. \$12.

**Thurs. Feb. 26, – Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk before Town Election.**

**Thurs. Feb. 26, 6 pm. – “Closing” reception.** Come by and view the exhibit as well as some of the poetry created by our youngest patrons during story hour. We will have light refreshments available. Richmond Library.

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### Fitzwilliam Inn

**Sat. Feb. 14, Valentine Celebration** – Call for reservations and details. 585-9000

**Sat, Feb. 21, 8:30 – 11 pm. Indie Folk Band**, no cover charge

**Sat. Feb 28, 1 – 3 pm. An Afternoon with Medium Bonnie Page.** Cover \$20

### Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St. Jaffrey

Music at Brunch (B) – Sunday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Dinner (D) – Friday beginning at 6 pm

No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!

**Sun. Noon to 2 pm** – Music with Brunch, Waterhouse Restaurant, Depot Square, Peterborough

### Ongoing:

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

**Wed. 7 – 9 pm** – Open-Mic Night At The Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Wed. 3 – 6 pm** – Farmers Market, Peterborough Community Group, 25 Elm St., Peterborough

**Wed. 9:30 pm** – Open Mic Night. Harlow's Pub, P'borough

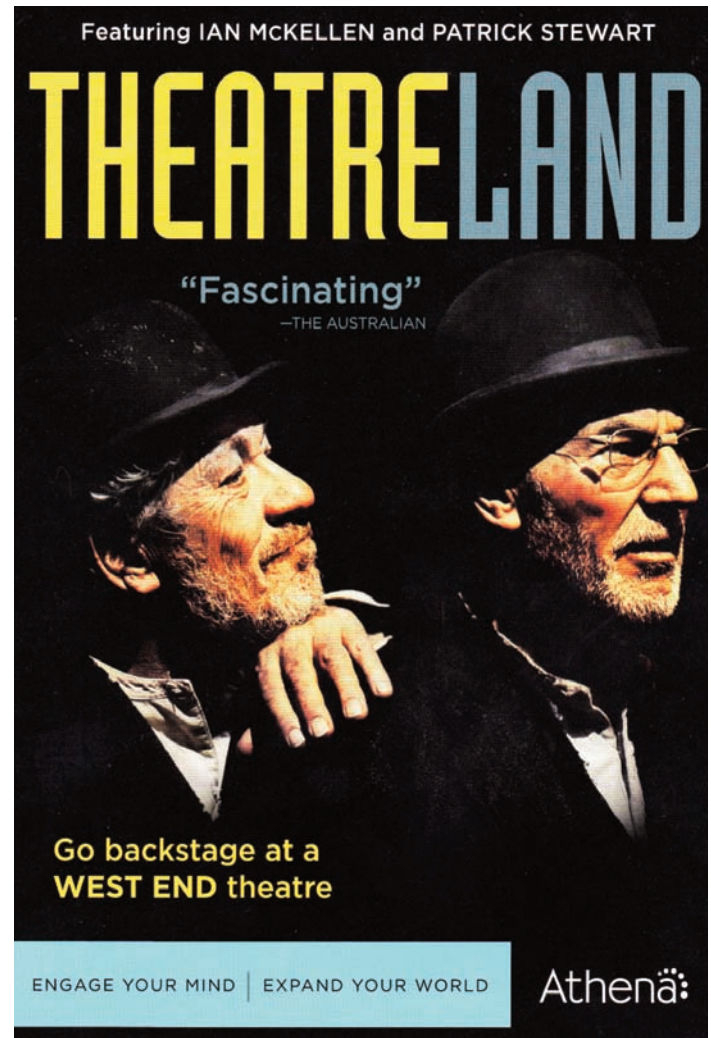
**Thurs. 8 pm** – Bluegrass Jam Harlow's Pub, P'borough

## Two Stars Prepare to Wait for Godoy at the Haymarket

Frank Behrens

Recently, Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" made a smash on Broadway, not so much because of the play, but because of its stars, Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen. My son saw it and gave me glowing reports and I can only wish the production will show up on a DVD.

But Athena Learning has supplied the next best thing in a 2-DVD set titled "Theatreland." It tells the tale of a season at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in eight parts, the first six of which show rehearsals, bits of performances, and all sorts of related aspects from many points of view that surrounded and



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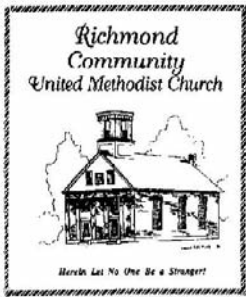
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were central to "Waiting for Godot." Any one just liking Theatre, or having seen many plays, or (better still) having been in the cast or crews of any plays, will be fascinated by the goings on in a noted West End theatre.

Not only do we get to meet the stars (Stewart, McKellen, Ronald Pickup, and Simon Callow), but also the director, the stage manager, the man who tells the audience to be seated, the scenery designer and movers, and even the young lady who grouts the tiles in the restrooms. And let us not forget the understudy who once, in the nearly 200 performances, got his chance to take over for Stewart when the latter's voice finally went. (They were doing eight performances a week, you know!)

There is even an episode devoted to the ghost of the Haymarket – all British theatres have one – and I do believe Stewart when he claims to have seen it during a performance. What the mind believes, as the saying goes.

I am not too sure I share the view that "Waiting for Godot" is a masterpiece. But when put in the hands of four superb actors, it does seem like one.

By way of contrast, the last two episodes show the begin-

nings of "Breakfast at Tiffany's," using the script based on Truman Capote's story. The titanic sets and the several changes are compared with the single set of "Godot," and the moods of the two plays are poles apart. The contrast is obvious and I really would like to have seen more of the "Godot" performances. But I am grateful to Athena for what there is.

As always, the booklet is most helpful and I still rely quite a bit on subtitles as time goes by along with my hearing.



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Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON (unless otherwise posted)

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**Administrative Assistant:** Sarah Dunton

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

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

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

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