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August 2017

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Drive-thru service at the Old Brick Church
August 2, 9, 16, 23

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Featuring charcoal grilled beef and turkey hot dogs on a roll.
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RCUMC News

Shalom, Pastor Arnie Johnson

Good day to all! I pray that your summer has been great so far and that you have further plans to make it better! We at the church are progressing along with our plans for August and the rest of the year.

Put it on your calendar that your evening meals for Wednesdays in August are taken care of if you just drive by Richmond Community UMC August 2, 9, 16, and 23 between 5 and 7pm. We will provide for your eating enjoyment quality beef or turkey hot dogs with all the trimmings and chips! And if it's anything like past years, there will also be a great selection of home-made goodies for dessert. So, drive by (and around) 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Rt 119), just east of the 4-Corners, and enjoy a wonderful meal. Come see the dancing Mustard and Ketchup!

And, if that's not enough for August, we will be hosting our fantastic Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, August 26, between the hours of 8am and 2pm. Drop by and find so many goodies that you never thought

you would ever be able to find! There are no price tags on the items. Make an offer. No offer is refused! And, if you happen to have some treasures that you would like to donate to the cause, bring them by the church on Sunday between 8:30 and 10:30 or early on the 26th. Come and enjoy yourselves!

We will also be hosting that fantastic musical singing family from Slapout, Alabama, the Kempters (<http://thekempters.com>), again on Monday, October 23, 7-8:30pm. They had to cancel last year about the same time because the mother of the clan, Mama Teresa, had been diagnosed with cancer. Even with all the modern medicine and attempts to control the cancer, Teresa died earlier this year, but before she died, she told her family that she wanted them to continue their musical ministry. So, we were thrilled when they contacted us to be on their schedule again. We are really looking forward to their wonderful musical talents once again. Come join us!

We're always here for you! Come worship with us at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., Richmond, just east of the 4-Corners

(Rts 32 & 119). Services start at 9am. No Sunday School for the young during the summer, but there are always things for them to do in the pews during the service.

Richmond Recipe Book

Jeani Eismont

The Richmond Recipe Book is moving along, but I have not gotten recipes from *EVERYONE* in Richmond. These recipes should reflect *ALL* of our efforts, not just a few. I know there are wonderful cooks out there, and it would be great to have those special recipes that you are known for.

This recipe book should contain some old, historic, and favorite recipes from ALL the residents of Richmond. If each one of you has one or more of your favorites, please send them to me at 70 Whipple Hill Road, Richmond, NH 03470 or jeani@eismont.com.

We would like to use this as a fundraiser for the 4-Corners development. So far, I have received several desert recipes. How about special salads or soups and stews, meat, chicken, fish, or an appetizer? Come on folks, send me some recipes. Let's make this project something we can ALL participate in and be proud of.

Warwick Net Meter Host Project

Warwick Town Meeting Issue

In 2012 Town Meeting authorized a long term contract with Seaboard Solar where the Town is "Net Meter Host" for a solar farm to be built in another town. Yesterday Building Energy Chair Janice Kurkoski met the owner's representative at the site in West Brookfield. The project is located close to the intersection of 32A and Route 9. I've attached a photo. The project is tested and making power and just awaits NGrid putting a meter on the system. From that day forward for 20 years, Warwick will receive what amounts to royalty income of about \$3k per month. The actual amount is ½ cent per Kwh and is based on the system output. This is a 6 Megawatt system.



Sunday August 27, 2017 Richmond Fire Department Annual Chicken BBQ

- * Bird-Lover Raffle Basket**
- * Back-to-School Raffle Basket**
- * One-Cord-of-Wood Raffle**
- * 50/50 Raffle**
- * Games**
- * Prizes**
- * Bounce House**
- * Music**
- * Troy Fire Department ladder truck demonstration**
- * Delicious Food and SO MUCH MORE!**

June Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative
Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

With the passage of the budget, the 2017 session ended and the legislature is in recess until next year. Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) for House bills will have to be filed in September, so at least part of my summer will be spent preparing legislation for next year.

I voted against the budget believing that it increased spending far more than was responsible, even though I recognize the state can always find reasonable things to spend money on. My unhappiness with this budget stems from the increase in the General Fund, which is that part of the budget we have the most control over. The General Fund in this biennial budget we are just ending, increased spending in 2016 by .9% and in 2017 by another .9%. That budget, while prepared by a Republican House and Senate, was signed by a Demo-

cratic Governor. This year's biennial budget was prepared by a Republican House and Senate for a Republican Governor. General Fund spending in 2018 will increase by 7% and in 2019 by 2.7%. I am not persuaded that the simple fact that we have a Republican Governor should be sufficient to abandon our obligation to fashion a fiscally responsible budget. I am aware that tax cuts have been promised and I support lower taxes. Clearly, however, we have to restrain our spending if we aren't going to have to, at some point, raise taxes to cover a shortfall. Simply looking south to Connecticut should remind us that profligate spending will eventually be a problem. It's worth remembering that Connecticut was, not all that long ago, the wealthiest state in the nation. This year its budget was in crisis due to a sharp drop in tax receipts that was insufficient to cover the spending increases of the past few years.

Budgets are considered the first year after an election, and the 2015 budget was my first. I had little interaction with the Finance Committee or the budget in 2015. That changed this year, and I was very involved. Going forward, I intend to be even more involved.

Two measures: one, a Senate bill that I was deeply involved in killing; and the other, a House Resolution which I authored on Campaign Finance Reform, were sources of considerable satisfaction this year.

The Senate bill, SB 128, would have erased much of the past twenty year's deregulation in the state's utility policies and again involved the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in matters best left to competition. At the same time, SB 128 would have enabled the PUC to subsidize construction of uneconomic energy infrastructure on the backs of electric ratepayers. Electric generation competition has served us well as the cost of electricity continues to decline and is now at the lowest levels since the current system began. The reason this isn't reflected in our electric bills is the cost of Transmission and Distribution, which continues to increase, and stranded costs electric ratepayers continue to pay from previous PUC decisions. SB 128's demise ensures electric ratepayers will be much less at risk of both stranded costs and absorbing the cost of the construction of uneconomic utility projects, where the utilities enjoy the profits and the electric ratepayers absorb any losses.

The House Resolution, HR7, which I authored and have referred to as the Real Reform Amendment, is a proposed US Constitutional Amendment which bars

political contributions to federal candidates from anyone ineligible to vote in that federal election. The Resolution and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.realreformamendment.org>. I will spend time during the break generating publicity for it in an effort to ensure every candidate for federal office in 2018 is asked about their position on the Real Reform Amendment. I believe that, if eventually adopted as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution, the For Sale sign over Washington, DC will finally be taken down.

I can be reached at 903-3878, which is my cell phone. I have decided it is much more efficient to use my cell phone as I'm frequently away from my desk and I'd rather take a call than return one. My personal email is mcc@mindspring.com. Please use my personal email as my legislative email is inundated from both out of state interest groups and individuals and I'd like to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not get lost in the shuffle.

From My Perspective

Barry Faulkner

State Representative, Cheshire 12

This is a second installment in a series of reports on what is happening in the state legislature from my perspective.

First, we did pass a budget for the 2018-19 biennium, providing \$11.7 billion over the next two years. This budget is several hundred million dollars less than the one the Governor proposed. The Governor's budget did not raise any new taxes – it spent only those revenues projected to come from existing taxes, which have been increasing lately because of a relatively healthy economy. This provided the opportunity to give support for municipalities and school districts (restoring funds that were cut when state revenues dropped) and to address new and growing problems like mental health treatment and drug addiction.

However, the budget that finally passed the House and Senate eliminated or slashed many of these programs. Republican leadership had to make serious cuts to get the votes of enough "Freedom Caucus" members to pass the budget in the face of stiff opposition by Democrats. So now we can look forward to tax cuts for the owners of large businesses (who mostly live outside of New Hampshire) instead of property tax relief for the rest of us.

The cuts weren't enough to satisfy everyone in the

Freedom Caucus – about fourteen Republicans voted against the conference committee budget. Only five of 170 Democrats voted in favor. The results were disappointing for property taxpayers and for families facing addiction or mental health issues (and for many others), but this is how the political process works.

One of the items cut from the Governor's budget was a proposal to increase the state education aid to school districts for full-day kindergarten programs. Until this year, school aid has been based on a count of students, with kindergarteners only counting as one-half of a student (regardless of whether the school district provided a full-day or half-day kindergarten program). That is, state education adequacy aid to school districts has been about \$3600 per year per student in grades 1-12, and \$1800 per year per kindergartner. Increased aid for kindergarten was included as part of a bill (separate from the budget) that resulted from a complex negotiation with those who support legalization of Keno (Keno, a form of gambling that has been described as glorified Bingo).

The Kindergarten-Keno bill as finally passed will do the following:

- Increase adequacy aid by \$1100 per student enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program (from \$1800 to \$2900 per year, still less than the full per-student amount). These funds would come out of the education trust fund, no matter what happens with Keno.

- Allow Keno in those municipalities that vote to allow it. Bars and similar enterprises (anyone with a "pour" license) would be permitted to offer Keno in those communities. License fees and taxes from Keno would go into the education trust fund, other than 1 percent to address gambling addiction

- If Keno revenues are more than enough to cover the \$1100 increase in kindergarten aid, such aid would be increased up to the full per-student adequacy aid, and this would go to all school districts that have full-day kindergarten, whether or not they have approved Keno in their communities.

I voted with the bi-partisan majority to pass this bill and send it to the Governor, who signed it recently. I am sensitive to the fact that many people have strong objections to gambling, based on moral principles or concerns about gambling addiction, crime, and the impact on low-income families. Because of these concerns, Keno might not have passed if not attached to kindergarten funding. However, I think that increasing

school aid (even by the small amount provided in this bill) is an important objective. Further, towns have the choice of whether or not to allow Keno, so there is local control. All in all, this bill will have a positive impact for Swanzey and Richmond taxpayers.

There were a few other bright spots in this year's legislative output:

- So-called "Right to Work" was defeated by a bi-partisan vote that included most Democrats and a sizable number of Republicans. These bills would have restricted the ability of unions to work for fair wages and decent work conditions.

- We passed laws to extend the allowable medical use of marijuana to those in chronic pain, and to "decriminalize" possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use (that is, not legalized, but reduced from a felony or misdemeanor to a violation with a fine). These measures drew bi-partisan support, including in the state Senate, which has resisted such efforts in the past. We have wasted a fortune in taxpayer dollars and ruined countless lives with an ill-conceived war on marijuana, and it is time to move on.

Things are quiet in Concord during the summer recess. Bills to be considered by the House in 2018 must be submitted for drafting by September 22, and a number of study committees will be meeting during the fall. Contact: fbfaulkner@outlook.com or 352-2729.

A Little Levity

Lew Whittum

A group of 12 women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

They were then told to take out their cellphones and text their husband "I love you, sweetheart."

Next they were instructed to exchange phones with another woman and read aloud the text they received in response.

Below are actual replies from their husbands. If you have been married for some time, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love. Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?

2. Hey, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Are you sure this is for me?
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. We agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

Worth a Read: *Driver in the Driverless Car*

Neil Moriarty

Authors Vivek Wadhwa with Alex Salkever have put together a book on how computers, artificial intelligence, and technology will influence our lives in the near, and not so near future. It is not much about cars at all. It covers artificial genes, educational changes, and just about everything in between. It uncovers both the positive and the negative aspects of these shifts that are coming into our lives. I enjoyed it very much, and consider myself fairly up on these topics. The book is available at the Richmond Library.

Free Smoke Detector Program

Submitted by Neil Moriarty

A reminder that The American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign offers free smoke alarms with installation and education to New Hampshire residents. They are high quality, 10-year fire detectors that do not require maintenance or battery changes. There are no eligibility requirements or limits on the number of detectors you can receive depending upon the size of your home. You can submit a request online at <http://www.redcross.org> or call 800-464-6692.

Please share with your Neighbors-In-Deed care recipients, and others you may know who could benefit from this important program. Stay tuned for an email about how you can volunteer in this important program!

Kathy Baird, Program Director

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CNBC TV Created Best Business States List

Neil Moriarty

I copied the first 18 states to get to New Hampshire. Strangely enough our claimed tax advantage, that is, no sales or income tax, is not shared by the 17 states that beat us out as best business states. All 17 states have at least one (sales or income tax); furthermore, only 3 did not have both.

The two largest towns in the Monadnock region have Property Tax lienied – 118 in Swanzey and 51 in Troy – for failure to pay 2016 property tax bills. Given they have no prior delinquency, they have 2 years to pay this bill or lose the property. Yet, we feel as a state, that we are going to rely on property taxes for almost all of our taxes for education. I realize both sales tax and income tax are controversial in our state; however, I think something needs to be done to reduce individual property tax bills. We all know that the schools consume about 70% of our property taxes.

State	Rank	Sales tax	Income tax
Washington	1	Avg 8.87%	No
Georgia	2	4.00%	Yes
Minnesota	3	6.87%	Yes
Texas	4	Avg 8.27%	Yes
North Carolina	5	4.75%	Yes
Colorado	6	2.90%	Yes
Virginia	7	5.30%	Yes
Utah	8	5.95%	Yes
Tennessee	9	Var to 9.75%	Not for wages
Massachusetts	10	6.75%	Yes
Michigan	11	6.00%	Yes, plus some city income tax
Florida	12	6.00%	No
Nebraska	13	5.50%	Yes
Indiana	14	7.00%	Yes
Iowa	15	6.00%	Yes
Ohio	16	5.75%*	Yes, counties and cites can also levy sales tax
Oregon	17	No	Yes
New Hampshire	18	No	No

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

August Calendar:

Wed. Aug. 2, 10:00. Reading: *Tower Power*; Knitting Circle

Sat. Aug. 5, 10:30-11:30. Community Coffee Hour

Wed. Aug. 9, 10:00. Reading: *On a Roll*; Knitting Circle

Wed. Aug. 16, 10:00. Reading: *Upcycle*; Knitting Circle

Wed. Aug. 23, 10:00. Storytime; Knitting Circle

Sun. Aug. 27, 10:00-2:00. Library Book Sale & Raffle

Wed. Aug. 30, 10:00. Storytime; Knitting Circle

The Poor Houses and Town Farms Lecture has been rescheduled for September 20 at 7:00.

Community Coffee Hour

Join us for iced coffee and tea hosted by Elaine Moriarty and friends on Saturday, August 5 at 10:30. Come and meet your neighbors!

Used Book Sale and Raffle

We are continuing to take donations of gently used FICTION books and DVDs for our Annual Richmond Day book sale and raffle. Donations for the sale can be dropped off during library hours or contact us and we will come to you for pick-up. On Sunday, August 27 the sale will run from 10-2. After you have finished eating yummy barbeque at the Fire Station, drop by and peruse our sale! Beginning at 1:00pm we will reduce prices for \$2 per bag of books.

Edith Atkins Display at the Library

A display honoring Edith Atkins, Librarian of Richmond for 34 years, is available for viewing on the "Town History Tales" wall at the Library. Thanks to volunteers Bonnie McCarthy and Susan Marsden, Edith's wonderful collection of old photographs have been completely cataloged and scanned. This exhibition focuses on Edith's life and features some of her gifts to the Town of Richmond.

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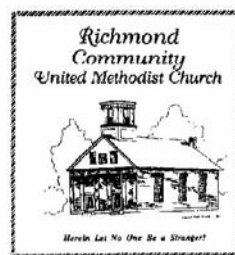
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