



2022 Richmond Farmers' Market Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

Plans are well underway for the 2022 Richmond Farmers' Market, with vendors already signed up and new signs painted. The variety of goods offered will be even greater than last year, with everything from free-range eggs and fresh-picked vegetables to floral art and mixes for make-your-own cookies.

Favorites from last year's market will be there with oven-fresh bread, pottery, herb plants, native wildflowers and more. New to this year's market are jams, herbal balms, fresh-baked cookies, and fresh-cut flowers.

The market will be open each Sunday from noon until 3 PM, mid-May through mid-October, at the Richmond Four Corners. On most Sundays, the market will be enlivened with music by Lenny Solomon, while demonstrations and programs will add variety. Already planned for a midsummer market is a hands-on workshop on making herbal vinegars.

The Richmond Farmers' Market is a good place to buy from local growers, producers and craftspeople, supporting the agriculture which helps retain Richmond's rural character. This is one of the several missions of the Richmond Agriculture Commission, sponsors of the market.

Vendor spaces are still available, either for a regular weekly space throughout the summer, for twice-monthly spaces or occasional attendance. Richmond residents and others are welcome to sell products of their farms and gardens, goods made from agricultural or natural products, and earth-related crafts. Maple products, honey, garden photography, pickles, preserves, perennial and annual garden plants, dried flower wreaths and crafts are all popular products at farmers' markets.

Applications for vendor spaces are available from the Richmond Agriculture Commission at: richmondagcomm@gmail.com.

The Commission supports local farmers and home gardeners and encourages everyone to choose foods and goods which are produced in or near their own communities.



A Good Neighbor: Roxanne Hubert Wendy O'Brien with Assistance from Elaine Moriarty and Trish Newton



So many of us were saddened to hear that Roxanne Hubert will be moving from Richmond. Roxanne is synonymous with "good neighbor." During her four years here, Roxanne has reached out to so many in our community who needed assistance. Now retired, Roxanne previously cut residents' hair at the Applewood Rehabilitation Center in Winchester. She now visits many of Richmond's elder residents to cut their hair in the comfort of their homes, as well as regularly running errands for them. She also delivers meals to the homebound through the Meals on Wheels program.

Roxanne has worked hard to create a sense of community within our small town, especially at the Library. She was the driving force in creating a neighborhood book club, meeting monthly for not only insightful discussions, but a great deal of fun as well. A creator of beautiful items, she often attends the Saturday knitting circle, bearing goodies to share. After the Jaffrey Library Mahjong Club closed due to the COVID crisis, Roxanne began a mahjong club at our Library, teaching many how to play. She also worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission to have a monthly game night at the Veterans' Hall. Many looked forward to playing bunko and other games with old and new friends.

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It is not just fun and games for Roxanne. For the past two years, she has coordinated the Library “Elves,” a group of volunteers who give their time, support and funds to the Library’s programming. She is always willing to give a helping hand, and, just this past February, she was an integral part of the kids’ “Vacation Tech Day,” by coordinating one of the stations and also photographing the event.

We will greatly miss Roxanne with her ready smile and willingness to help everyone. We wish her the very best in the future as she and her husband move to be closer to their grandchildren. From all of us, we thank you, Roxanne!



Thank You, Roxanne

Tom and Roxanne Hubert will soon be moving to New Boston to be near their children.

Roxanne organized Women’s Game Night at the Vets Hall, Mahjong at the Library, and was a driver for Richmond Meals on Wheels Program. (She “spoiled” one recipient of the meals program, bringing him fruit and pies when it was her turn to drive, then he would wonder why he did not get those treats every week! 😊).

She also worked as a hairdresser for Applewood and Langdon Place.

Best of luck to Tom and Roxanne in their new home.
Pam Bielunis

A Friend On Granite Hill Road

From a friend on Athol Road

Fruit Tree Demo Lenny and Suzen Solomon

On a brisk day in March, we had the pleasure of attending a talk given by Jeff Taylor, owner of Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm on Rte. 119 in Richmond (<https://windsweptmts-view.com>). Mr. Taylor was assisted by his son, Bill, who also works at the farm. Jeff’s talk was sponsored by the Richmond Agricultural Commission as part of its free-to-the-public speaker series. The topic of the talk was the proper way to prune fruit trees.



Proper tree pruning is a complex craft and is dependent on many factors, such as the type of tree, the way each individual tree grows, the season of the year, and the purpose of its pruning.


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Being a fruit grower as well as a Christmas tree farmer, Jeff showed us some useful techniques of pruning to encourage fruit production and health. Two major rules: cut away a branch that is rubbing another and cut branches, especially ones growing towards the middle or straight up, to make room for sunlight to shine into all areas of the tree. We also learned the importance of keeping the base of trees free of any growth, like taller grass, where small animals can nibble at the bark, while hidden from the eyes of a predator.

It was an informative demonstration! Thank you, Jeff!

You just might find Jeff and his family, as well as other farmers, at this season's Richmond Farmers' Market, at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 119 and 32) on Sundays from Noon to 3 PM, starting May 15th and continuing through October 9th.

Happy pruning!

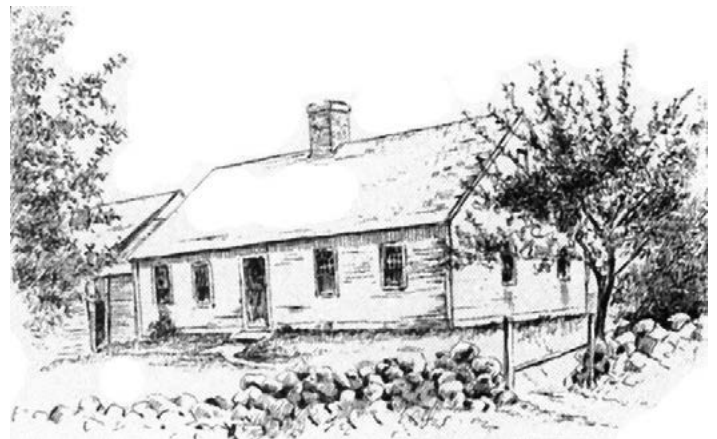
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A Moment in Local History: Conjuror Ballou Alan F. Rumrill



*A sketch of the home of James Ballou Jr.,
from "History of Town of Richmond"*

Courtesy of the Historical Society of Cheshire County

James Ballou Jr. was born in 1761. His family moved to Richmond from Cumberland, R.I., when he was a youngster. He lived in Richmond the rest of his life.

During his time there, Ballou became known far and wide for his ability to foretell the future. Many years later Ballou's grandson, President James A. Garfield, nicknamed Ballou "the conjuror" when he was gathering information for the family genealogy.

Garfield interviewed many people who recalled his grandfather's ability to foretell the future and to determine the location of lost or stolen property. Visitors traveled from a 50-mile radius around Richmond to have Ballou tell their fortunes. He made his powers seem even more mystical by wearing a wizard's robe and writing out his formulas with geometrical figures that no one else could understand.

Ballou predicted important events, led bewildered owners to their missing farm tools and told young couples the direction of their future years.

James Ballou's most amazing forecast, however, was the prediction of his own death. His calculations indicated that he would die on April 30, 1808. His neighbors knew about this prediction and questioned Ballou about his health when the day

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arrived. He admitted that he was perfectly healthy and perhaps he had made an error in his calculations.

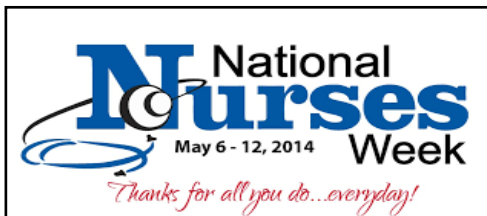
As he started home from a visit to the blacksmith shop on that fateful day, Ballou encountered some workmen removing stones from a field. They were struggling with a heavy boulder, and he stopped to assist. Ballou added his strength to the effort and suddenly burst an artery. He was carried home to bed and died before the day was over.

Alan F. Rumrill is executive director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, which has been collecting, preserving and sharing the history of the region since 1927. It's on Main Street. To learn more about its public programs and collections, visit hscnh.org.



*The James Ballou Jr. house in Richmond.
Courtesy of the Historical Society of Cheshire County*

[Editor's Note: This article was reprinted with the generous permission of its author, Alan F. Rumrill, and the Keene Sentinel. Rooster readers will probably recognize the house as that of Richmond residents, Lenny and Suzen Solomon.]



Bean and Pasta Salad

Terri O'Rorke

It's almost time to start thinking summer salads! Here's an easy one...

Ingredients

12 oz. cavatappi, penne or ziti pasta
1/2 C. olive oil
1/4 C. lemon juice
1/2 C. finely shredded basil
3/4 C. shaved Parmesan cheese
1 15 oz. can cannellini beans, drained
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
dash salt
1 C. fresh mozzarella, diced

Directions

Cook pasta until al dente, drain, but do not rinse. Add remaining ingredients, stirring gently. Serves 8.

TRUE BREW REVIEW

Modestman's Panic in Babylon

Kevin Ellis



Panic In Babylon from Modestman Brewing
8.4% ABV

Double India Pale Ale (DIPA)

Reviewers: Kevin Ellis and Jane Lescynski

Another cold and snowy winter day in Richmond means another local beer review. On this day, we just finished brewing a batch of homebrew, a wheatwine, to be more specific. A wheatwine is a high strength beer brewed with mostly wheat malt and a few hops to balance it out.



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Anyway, we just finished cleaning up and were ready to enjoy this wonderful offering from Modestman when, all of a sudden, a gust of wind blows by the house, and we lost power! Thankfully, we had a fire going, and it was still light out, so we just went on with our pint.

The beer poured out like a thick and creamy fruit smoothie. The beer was hazy, straw to golden in color and had a nice tight head on top with small white bubbles which hung around for a while.

Going in for a smell was like taking the top off a tropical fruit-scented Yankee Candle. There was so much pineapple, papaya and orange. There was also a hint of fresh cut grass. Not quite like a candle, but more like passing by your neighbor in your car while they're doing their weekly mowing. Needless to say, we were both ready to dive in and take a sip!

The flavor had an intense burst of that tropical fruit which the aroma indicated would be there. It was kind of like a drink you would get at a swim-up tiki bar. Almost like the bartender cut the top off a pineapple, added some orange juice and peach puree, threw a straw in there, and added a little umbrella. For underlying tasting notes, we picked up some woodiness and white grapes skins which both completed the fruit well.



Overall, this was an incredible beer that we couldn't get enough of. I'd be lying to you if I said I didn't go back for another one later that night. Top to bottom, this beer was well made: from the hazy golden appearance, to the pungent tropical aroma, to the thick and creamy mouthfeel which was full of pineapple and peach flavor. It's truly amazing what brewers can do with just four simple ingredients. We tip our hat

to Modestman for crafting such a tasty and top notch DIPA. They make our local beer scene and community proud. We gave this beer a 9.5 out of 10. There's not much more they could have done to enhance this one. We hope you stop by to grab a pint or bring home a four pack to support this local brewery. Cheers! *A little about the brewery: Modestman has been around since 2020. They're a traditional brewery which likes to try and stick with the four main brewing ingredients; malt, hops, water and yeast. They specialize in IPAs, and sours, but have a portfolio which includes porters, Belgian style beers, lagers, brown ales and more. They have a large indoor seating area and a nice outdoor patio for the warmer months. There's also a food truck on site with some tasty options to choose from. Also, Modestman is one of the few places in Keene which hosts live music, so keep an eye out for that!*

**MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY'S
RESCUE BREW BEER
STAR SEARCH UNDERWAY!
Branch and Blade Brewing and
West LA Beer Company Partner to Benefit
Monadnock Humane Society
Jacques Du Preez, Director of
Development & Marketing**

Swanzey, NH - The Monadnock Humane Society's Rescue Brew Beer Spokesdog and Spokescat Star Search is now underway! Winners will appear on the labels of our "2022 Rescue Brew Beer Labels" from Branch and Blade Brewing and West LA Beer Company. A \$10 entry donation was received with each nomination. **Each one dollar vote supports the lifesaving programs of Monadnock Humane Society. Vote for your favorites through May 29, 2022.** One Grand Prize Winning Dog and one Grand Prize Winning Cat will be announced at the 34th Annual Walk for Animals Event on June 25, 2022. After the announcement, the 2022 Rescue Brew limited small batch production beer will be available at the **Branch and Blade Brewing** and **West LA Beer Company** locations this summer.



Branch and Blade believes in constantly innovating the world of craft beer. Their goal is to deliver a variety of well-crafted beers of the highest quality. Additionally, they enjoy trying new styles and pushing the limits of their own creativity. Their goal is always to have the customer love their beer as much as they themselves do. Located in Keene, they have very generously supported our mission to help animals since 2020. Co-owner Trevor Bonette, whose official title is "Head of Creativity and Regrets," said:

Our whole team at the brewery are huge dog and cat fans, and it is important for our company to support the lifesaving work of the Monadnock Humane Society. We could not think of a better way to celebrate pets and the people who love them, than by creating a special release beer featuring pets from our community on the labels!

At West LA Beer, the owners believe craft beer is also about the experience, and their hope is to cultivate that experience in their taproom, which they have certainly achieved! Their goal is always to create a space for you to enjoy having a beer with friends. Co-owners Dave Smith, Ryan Gale, and Eric Johnson came together to build a welcoming brewery and are excited to support the growing craft beer scene in the Monadnock region. "Our lifesaving work is 100% funded by the generosity of people within the communities we support. After dealing with more than two years of a pandemic, we had to think outside the box and create new and unique ways to partner with local businesses and foster public support," says Monadnock Humane Society Executive Director, Kathy Collinsworth. "We couldn't be more

excited to celebrate the unconditional love that pets bring to our lives and partner with Branch and Blade Brewery and West LA Beer Company to find the first Spokedog and Spokedcat for the 2022 Rescue Brew Beer."

The public will choose the three finalist dogs and three finalist cats through voting, and, then, three local "celebrity" judges will choose one winning dog and one winning cat to appear on the labels of the 2022 Rescue Brew Beer. The six finalist dogs and cats will each receive an artist rendering of their pets printed on canvas. For more information and to be the face of pets everywhere, please visit:

<https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/rescue-brew/>

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 socially-conscious shelter organization which serves 44 communities of the Monadnock Region. Its mission is to strengthen the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS receives no state or federal funding, and is not affiliated with any other agency or organization such as HSUS or ASPCA. It is supported solely by the generosity of those in our community. For more information, visit www.monadnockhumanesociety.org



SAVINGS BANK OF WALPOLE ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AND WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST

Danielle Ruffo, Assistant Vice President
Community Engagement and Marketing

[Contest begins Friday, April 1, and will be held in conjunction with NH Mutual Bancorp Affiliates] Keene, NH - Savings Bank of Walpole is excited to announce a call for entries for its 2022 Community Calendar and Website Photo Contest. The contest, which begins on Friday, April 1, runs through Tuesday, May 31 and is being held in conjunction with the other affiliates of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) including




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Chosen images will be featured in a 2023 wall calendar as well as on the websites, and social media accounts for Savings Bank of Walpole and/or its subsidiaries of NHMB. Each bank will release a unique calendar containing photos local to the communities they serve. Photos may also be selected for holiday cards and note cards.

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded for each winning photo and contestants can submit up to a maximum of 10 entries. All submissions will be done electronically. Decisions will be based on suitability of the subject, quality of the photography, and adherence to the purpose of the contest.

"This is our fourth year holding the contest and we've seen so many beautiful photos we encourage photographers of all skill levels to show us their local spirit by submitting entries," says Mark Bodin, President, Savings Bank of Walpole. "The community's involvement in the past three years has been impressive and we look forward to another great year."

All eligible entries should be submitted electronically through a dedicated link located on each bank's website. Visit www.walpolebank.com/photocontest for complete contest rules, details, and a link to upload photos. No payment or purchase is required to enter or win.

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CVTC invites you to a special Wednesday night dinner fundraiser at The Woodbound Inn in Rindge, NH, from 5 PM – 9 PM on May 4th. You will enjoy a buffet dinner to benefit CVTC. The cost is \$16 per person, and \$3 from each plate is donated to CVTC. Reservations are not needed, but are encouraged. Call 603-532-9505 to book your table. *CVTC provides "no fee" transportation for residents of 34 towns in the Monadnock Region not having access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation, or other limiting circumstances. Rides are provided by Volunteer Drivers and handicap-accessible van providers to non-emergency medical and social service appointments, as well as the bank, grocery store and pharmacy. Volunteer Drivers are urgently needed. Call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5 to get or give a ride. Learn more at www.cvtc-nh.org and like us on Facebook.*



Richmond's Got Talent!

[Editor's Note: Readers, this event schedule assists residents of Richmond who are talented in the arts. Performers, musicians, artists, and the like, submit your event information no later than the 10th of the month before your event, and we will add you to our Richmond's Got Talent schedule.]
Friday, May 1, 2022 – 3 PM to 6 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Harvard General Store at 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA. Event is free to the public.

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119). The Richmond Farmers' Market will be open to the public from noon to 3 PM, weather permitting.

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Supervisors of the Checklist ("SOC")

Pam Bielunis

The next meeting of the SOC will be Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7 PM at the Vets Hall. This is the last day to change your political party before the State Primary Election on September 13, 2022.

You may register, make changes to name, address, etc., at any scheduled SOC meeting. Please bring photo ID or passport, proof of domicile in Richmond, and proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate/naturalization paperwork). The list of meetings is posted at the Town Hall, the Vets Hall, and is on the Town Calendar of the Richmond Town Website.

TOWN CLERK TIDBITS

DMV Privacy Laws and How They Affect You

Karen O'Brien

The State of NH Department of Motor Vehicles has very strict policies on privacy. These laws are meant to keep your personal information safe and secure. But, these same laws can cause complications when registering your vehicle, whether renewing or titling and registering a new vehicle.

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- Complete the registration and send the owner's copy to the primary owner (first name on the registration and/or title). We need either the expiring registration or the letter we send out telling you your vehicle is up for renewal.
- Provide a letter requesting that the registration be completed by someone other than the primary owner. You will need to be specific, stating the name and address of the owner, and the name, address, and relationship of the person bringing in the renewal. Please also include the vehicle information or have them bring in the renewal letter or expiring registration. You must sign this letter, and it will only be good for the one transaction.
- Provide a notarized Power of Attorney stating who will be acting on your behalf.

On new vehicles, it gets even more complicated. If there are two parties on any paperwork from the dealer or seller, both need to be present to sign the Certificate of Title ("CTA") application. If the dealer or lender provides you with the CTA, the primary owner (listed first on the CTA) must be the one to come in to complete the rest of the paperwork for registration. If you are transferring an existing registration to another vehicle, be sure that the old registration has the same names as the new vehicle; otherwise, we cannot do the transfer.

During the time of Covid-19, there was some leeway in what we could do for these transactions, given that not everyone felt comfortable coming in to the office. However, I have been informed by the DMV that these privacy laws must be adhered to, and that I must request that the primary owner of



the vehicle be the person to come in to complete the transaction. They are allowing renewals with a letter giving permission to another person (see above).

Remember that there are evening hours on Tuesdays for the convenience of those who work. Appointments are for 5:00, 5:30, and 6:00 PM; emailing is the best way to ensure that I get your request. I cannot always answer the phone during office hours, as my priority is to those who are in the office. Please do not assume that I will have openings; contact me early to secure a spot.

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Dog license fees were due on April 30th!
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Mulligan Poses in Handcuffs. Photo by Susan Harrington

Library News

Wendy OBrien

Library Calendar for May

Every Saturday, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

Tuesday, May 10th, 6 PM: Book Group, *The Exiles*

Saturday, May 28th, 12:30 PM: Little Free Library

Grand Opening Picnic (***RPL closing early!***)

Save the Date! Saturday, June 11th: Summer Reading Kickoff



Joe Lauretti (of Papa Bear Chairs) and Wendy OBrien with the Little Free Library. Photo taken by Maryann Lauretti

Little Free Library Coming to Richmond Town Beach

What is a Little Free Library? Come and find out during our grand opening on Saturday, May 28th at 12:30 PM at the Town Beach! We'll be having a picnic, so bring your hampers. How do Little Free Libraries work?

- **Take a book:** If you see something you would like to read, take it!
- **Leave a book:** If you have a book you would like to pass on, leave it in the little free library!

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Richmond's Little Free Library is made possible by a grant from the American Rural and Small Libraries Association, was built by the Lauretti's at Papa Bear Chairs, and installed by Buddy Blood, Town Road Agent.

NH State Park Pass

We are excited to announce that the Library has purchased a New Hampshire State Park Pass for 2022. This pass will allow two adults and four dependents free day access to most of NH's State Parks! Please contact the Library for more information regarding reserving the pass. This opportunity was made possible by a grant from the American Rural and Small Libraries Association.

Book Club

Join us on May 10th at 6 PM to discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Per GoodReads.com:

The author of the #1 New York Times best-seller Orphan Train returns with an ambitious, emotionally resonant novel about three women whose lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society.

Copies are available at the Library.

New Titles

The Wolf Den, Elodie Harper

The Code Breaker, Walter Isaacson

French Braid, Anne Tyler

The Recovery Agent, Janet Evanovich

The Match, Harlan Coben

The Summer Getaway, Susan Mallery

The Swimmers, Julie Otsuka



FIREHOUSE NEWS

Outdoor Fires

Ren Doyle, Spokesperson,
Richmond Fire Department

The warm weather is finally here and that means we'll be returning to outdoor activities to include yard clean-up and gathering outdoors. We'd like to remind everyone about outdoor fire safety. ALL outside burning in Richmond is required to have a permit. Permits can be obtained by contacting the department's Fire Warden, Chief Atkins. There are various rules and regulations, depending on the type of fire you plan to have: from a small campfire contained in a small fire pit to a large brush pile. Regulations can be found online at <https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/documents/fire-law-brochure.pdf>.

There are several materials that CANNOT be burned such as painted items, treated wood, plastics, furniture, etc. Even with small campfires contained to fire pits, permit holders should call Fire Mutual Aid's non-emergency line, (603) 352-1291, to report you are having a fire. This will prevent us from having a parade in your driveway when a passing neighbor calls about smoke coming from your campfire.

Residents should keep an eye on the fire class danger for each day, as New England weather is known to change at any minute. Federal and State agencies use a class/category system to warn of fire conditions for the day. There are several resources to find the conditions for each day. Locally, we refer to "Class" days (Class 1 – Class 5.) The following is taken from the nh.gov website:

- **Low (Green)** - Fire starts are unlikely. Weather and fuel conditions will lead to slow fire spread, low intensity and relatively easy control with light mop-up. Controlled burns can usually be executed with reasonable safety.
- **Moderate (Blue)** - Some wildfires may be expected. Expect moderate flame length and rate of spread. Control is usually not difficult and light to moderate mop-up can be expected. Although controlled burning can be done without creating a hazard, routine caution should be taken.
- **High (Yellow)** - Wildfires are likely. Fires in heavy,

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continuous fuel such as mature grassland, weed fields and forest litter; will be difficult to control under windy conditions. Control through direct attack may be difficult, but possible and mop-up will be required. Outdoor burning should be restricted to early morning and late evening hours.

- **Very High (Orange)** - Fires start easily from all causes and may spread faster than suppression resources can travel. Flame lengths will be long with high intensity, making control very difficult. Both suppression and mop-up will require an extended and very thorough effort. Outdoor burning is not recommended.
- **Extreme (Red)** - Fires will start and spread rapidly. Every fire start has the potential to become large. Expect extreme, erratic fire behavior. **NO OUTDOOR BURNING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN AREAS WITH EXTREME FIRE DANGER.**

A Red Flag Warning (also known as a Fire Weather Warning) is a forecast warning issued by the United States National Weather Service to inform firefighting and land management agencies that conditions are conducive to the ignition and rapid spread of wildland fires. During drought conditions, or when humidity is very low, and especially when there are high or erratic winds, the Red Flag Warning becomes a critical statement for firefighting agencies. These agencies often alter their staffing and equipment resources dramatically to accommodate the forecast risk. Outdoor burning bans may also be issued by State and local fire agencies based on Red Flag Warning. To the public, a Red Flag Warning means high fire danger with increased probability of a quickly spreading vegetation fire in the area within 24 hours.



In other fire department news, we look forward to congratulating and celebrating the Class of 2022. We have five members of our Junior Firefighter program graduating from high school in June:

- Junior Captain, Ben Stanley
- Olivia Croteau
- Jayden Hatt
- Nick Filimonov
- Quinton Lyons

We wish all the best to the graduates, thank them for their dedication while serving as Juniors with

our department and wish them all success in their future endeavors; a couple of them are pursuing professional firefighting and EMS careers.

As always, we end by saying “thank you” for your continued support! In March, the Town supported all fire department proposals. With improvements in equipment and continued training, we will be able to continue providing our residents with the best emergency services we can provide and will do it with pride. If anyone has any interest in helping your neighbors in time of need and becoming involved with the Richmond Fire Department, please have a discussion with a department member or stop by the station while we’re there. Here’s to a great summer!!





Geothermal Energy as a Clean Source of Electricity

Susan Opal,
Richmond Energy Committee

The United Nations just reported its findings in an ongoing study of our climate crisis. The news was not very positive, but I would like to report on a great new technology which could really make a big difference: **geothermal power**.

First and foremost, geothermal power is a source of clean and renewable electricity. Like all of these new technologies, this power costs a lot of money, yet, I am so hopeful about geothermal energy because it might be a very clean, future energy source that oil and gas companies will like! I can't believe I am saying this, but geothermal energy might be "the one." And, for a very unexpected reason: fracking! Yes, the technology which made mining propane gas possible in so many places and the technology many of us fought against could be used differently now, in that no chemicals are used, and the wells are deeper. This technology has been around for some time, but only in places like Yellowstone National Park, where the Earth's core is close to the Earth's surface.

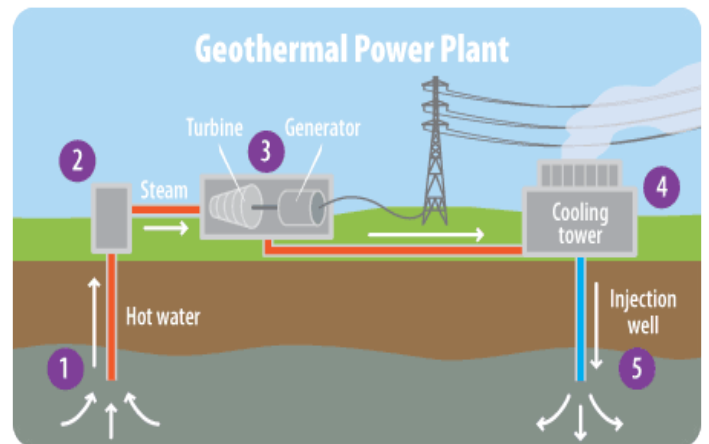
This new technology uses the earth's inner core for fuel and turns it into electricity. The earth's core can heat up water stored in the rock and make steam which turns turbines to make electricity. The environmental impact of geothermal energy is minimal, especially compared to fossil fuel power plants. No fossil fuels need to be burned to generate geothermal power, and as long as the earth exists (likely for another four



billion years), we won't run out of geothermal energy. Geothermal power plants can be a reliable source of renewable and environmentally-friendly electricity.

The Richmond Energy Committee was started in 2007 by a small group of renewable energy enthusiasts interested in networking and learning about sustainable building and applications. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at: susanopalwyatt@gmail.com

[Editor's Note: Have any personal experience with geothermal power and would like to share your story? Please email the editor of the Richmond Rooster at: therichmondrooster@gmail.com]



How to Become a State Representative and What It Involves

Jennie Gomarlo

It all begins by signing up in your town in the month of June. There is a primary in September and the general election in November. The term lasts for two years, starting on swearing-in day on the first Wednesday of December. You get your wages of \$200 for the whole term in the first year. Mileage is also paid when attending committee or session.

There is an orientation at the State House for several days and, then, the first session is the first Wednesday in January to vote for the Speaker of the House. After that, committee work starts in earnest. Public hearings are held on bills assigned to your committee (there are 22 committees), followed by work



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sessions, and, finally, a vote on what to do with the bills in executive session. That can be Ought to Pass (OTP), Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL), or retained the first year to be worked on later, or put into interim study the second year with the possibility of coming back the next term. If the vote from the committee was unanimous or nearly so, the bill will be put on the Consent Calendar. This list of bills is voted on by the House as a block, but anyone can pull a bill off the Consent Calendar to be debated on the floor. The other bills are put on what is called "the Regular Calendar" and may be debated on the floor on session days.

If you have submitted bills, you will have to juggle their hearings with your own committee work. As a sponsor, you are expected to introduce your bill in the committee it has been assigned and explain the need for it to become law.

In normal times, as bills are accumulated from committee, the speaker will call a session nearly every Thursday in February and March. There is a strict deadline schedule for bills to be completed so as to get the passed bills over to the Senate to go through the same process. The House, in turn, gets the passed Senate bills and works on them in April and May.

The first year of the term is the budget year for the biennium, so work goes into June, and the second year ends in May. Unless you are in leadership, you generally get July and August off. In September, there will be a day to try to override any bills the governor has vetoed. There are also ongoing meetings for specially formed committees on a subject that was legislated to be studied.

Another obligation is to your caucuses, both the full

House caucus and your committee caucus (mainly to discuss voting in committee). These are generally held to bring everyone up to speed on bills outside of your own committee. There are usually close to 1,000 bills per year, so it's impossible to keep up on all of them.

Part of your job as being a representative includes being a part of the county delegation. Cheshire will have 22 reps after the 2020 census. A subset of the group will meet in January and February of both years to set the county budget. The full delegation meets to vote on the recommendations of the executive committee.

You can find a lot of information on the general court website including calendars, journals, statutes, voting records and much more. <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us>

Editor's Note: State Representative Gomarlo was kind enough to respond to the following questions from the Richmond Rooster.

- *Where is the State House located?* Concord, roughly the middle of the state.
- *How often do you find yourself driving to the State House?* It's usually 3 days from January to June/May, but, for some committees, there are fewer bills. Sporadic in the Fall.
- *Where does the Cheshire County delegation meet?* At County Hall in Keene. It is just off the square on corner of Court and Winter.
- *With the exception of those working on the budget, how often does the delegation meet?* About four times a year.
- *You mentioned caucuses. Do you need to be affiliated with a political party?* We do have a few independents and libertarians who pick which caucus they would like to be with. Possibly you don't need to, but that is where you get the summaries from the committees on all the bills.

Flower Power
Karen O'Brien

Do you associate a flower with a sentiment or feeling? Perhaps you don't realize it, but we often talk about roses symbolizing love or a four leaved clover as good luck. Plants have been used as portents, omens, legends, and other properties throughout

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the ages. Ancient traditions - be they Greek, Roman, Tibetan, Native American, or Persian - have played a role in giving significance to common or exotic plants as symbols of human emotions. Universally accepted and practiced for centuries, this association of plants and their meanings often arose from the Doctrine of Signatures. This mode of thought believed that a plant's form (or botanical characteristic) was a sign that man could use them to treat human diseases which were similar. So, a walnut, for example, which looked like a brain, would be a remedy for diseases of that organ.

The use of plants to express sentiments became wildly popular in the Victorian Age. The belief that God created plants as voices of nature gave rise to the language of flowers. It was a way for repressed men and women of that era to express their feelings in a silent manner. They could exchange secret messages by using flowers to signify love, hate, friendship, jealousy, happiness, grief, and gratitude. Hundreds of books were written on the subject; the earliest floral dictionary (as they became known) was *Le Langage des Fleurs* written by Charlotte de la Tour in 1819.

CLOVER – that symbol of good luck or the Trinity, depending on the number of leaves – was originally regarded as a guard against witchcraft. St. Patrick and the story of his driving the snakes out of Ireland also caused this plant to be a defense against snakes and evil spirits. To dream of a field of clover is lucky indeed; it foretells prosperity, success, and health for the dreamer. In the Victorian language of flowers, clover was used to let the other person know you were thinking of them. As interest in this silent language progressed, more interpretations grew, so that a purple clover meant providence, a four leaved clover said “Be mine” or “You are lucky”, and the red clover denoted industry. I have not found any reference to the white clover which is so abundant in our lawns; perhaps it could signify “persistence.”

ROSE – a flower most beloved – generally meant love. But the color of the flower became significant and also the type of rose. A red rose meant love and desire, or “I love you”, while a white rose meant regard, or “I am worthy of you.” Yellow roses were for friendship, lavender were pure love or “My love is genuine.” *Rosa*

carolina, one of our native roses, warned that “Love is dangerous.” The Damask rose (one of my favorites for its luscious scent) meant bashful love. The origin of the red rose has been often explained as being colored by the Goddess Venus, when a thorn pricked her finger and resulted in the staining of the flower by the red blood.



ROSEMARY – one of my favorite herbs – has meanings of fidelity, reliance, and most often, remembrance. Legend says that Mary of the Holy Family, in the flight from Egypt, hung her cloak on a rosemary bush to dry, and the formerly white flowers were turned to blue from her garment. Thus, it became known as the Rose of Mary. The Latin word *Rosmarinus* means dew of the sea, as this plant grows happily in the sandy Mediterranean shores.

The former botanical name of this plant was *Rosmarinus officinalis*, but botanists have now gotten evidence that this plant is more closely related to *Salvias*, so it is now referred to as *Salvia rosmarinus*. Quite an uproar in the garden centers as growers race to keep up with these name changes! Shakespeare was well known for weaving herbs and flowers into



his plays; most have heard the following quote in Hamlet:

*There's rosemary, that's for remembrance;
pray, love, remember; and there is pansies,
that's for thoughts... There's fennel for you,
and columbines; there's rue for you, and here's
some for me; we may call it herb of grace o'
Sundays. O, you must wear your rue with a
difference. There's a daisy. I would give you*

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*some violets, but they wither'd all when my
father died. They say he made a good end.*

VIOLET – means faithfulness, or in some books, modesty. According to legend, Cupid judged some fair maidens as more beautiful than Venus, who, in a fit of pique, beat the girls until they were blue. They became the first violets. A garland of violets crowning your head is sure to relieve dizziness. Shakespeare used violets in his plays and poems often:

*Violet is for Faithfulness,
Which in me shall abide;
Hoping. Likewise, that from your heart
You will not let it slide.*

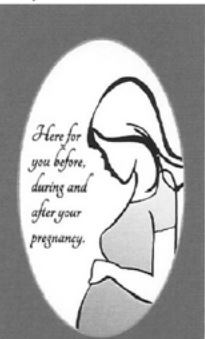
DANDELION – Even the lowly dandelion has significance in florigraphy (the secret and romantic



communication of flowers). This flower was believed to have magical powers, and is known as an oracle. Remember making a wish and blowing a puffy seed head of dandelion? If you blow the seeds away and you follow them, they will lead you to your good fortune. Dandelions also can predict the weather and have been referred to as weather clocks. If the down is fluffy, the weather will be good, but rain is on the way if the flower looks droopy or wilted. The yellow flowers will close before a storm. Dandelions could also mean flirtation or absurdity, so the act of giving a bouquet of flowers of any kind would mean that the giver and the taker would need the same book of flower language to get the right message!


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them to communicate. Be careful of the language you use so that the correct message is received and your intention is the one you meant. A bouquet of roses any time is a sure bet, but red or white ones are the safest.



April 4, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Administration Present: Susan Harrington

Public Present: Treasurer, Loreal Schmidt

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd. Board voted to approve the manifest dated April 4, 2022 for week of March 25, 2022-March 31, 2022 in the amount of: \$8,391.76 for payroll/accounts payable.

2022 Town Meeting minutes received and reviewed from Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien.

NHMA Spring 2022 Planning and Zoning Conference details provided to Board.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd Board reappointed the following:

- Pamela Bielunis as Welfare Administrator. Term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Andrew Powers to Conservation Commission. Term to expire March 31, 2023.
- John Randall to Conservation Commission. Term to expire March 31, 2023.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd. Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 202 Lot #003,004,005, 007, 022,

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023,024 and 029 and Map 411 Lot# 005, 006, 007. Owner-Cheshire YMCA Camp Takodah.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd. Board approved Building Permit for Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 002-Fitzwilliam Road. Owner-Dillon.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Board approved Raffle Permit #2022-002 for the Jennifer Rhodes for NH Campaign to benefit her reelection.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd. Board approved Driveway Permit for Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 03. Owner-Filipi.

Email from Reynolds on Monument Rd regarding a tree down. Harrington will advise Reynolds to contact Eversource.

Appointments

Road Agent, Buddy Blood came in to provide the Board with an update on estimates/quotes received for a building at the Highway Shed. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd. Board approved the purchase of a building from New Team Carports, LLC. The erection of the building, doors and windows total \$40,800.00 plus \$14,000.00 for the concrete slab/foundation.

John Hathaway from Sunrun Installation Services Inc. met with the Board to discuss an Eversource Certificate of Completion for the Solar Arrays installed at Map 407 Lot 073-693 Fitzwilliam Road. The Certificate of Completion requires an inspection by a Local Electrical Wiring Inspector. The Town of Richmond does not have a building inspector, and does not require a Certificate of Completion. Board stated that we do not have anyone in town that is qualified to approve the wiring. Board stated the Town of Richmond follows the State of New Hampshire codes.

Treasurer, Loreal Schmidt met with the Board to discuss town deposits.

Resident, David Bryan met with the Board to discuss becoming an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

April 11, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Administration Present: Susan Harrington

Public Present: Blair Heise

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd Board voted to approve the manifest dated April 11, 2022 for week of April 1, 2022-April 7, 2022 in the amount of \$22,472.49 for payroll/accounts payable.

Daniels signed application for payment from the Bridge Improvement Trust Fund to reimburse the General Fund for Quantum Construction Consultants invoice # 2999 in the amount of \$13,422.51.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Board renewed the following appointments:

- Andrew Wallace to Safety Committee. Term to expire 03/01/2024.
- Susan Harrington to Safety Committee. Term to expire 03/31/2025.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd Board approved Building Permit for Map 412 Lot 014-215 Fay Martin Road. Permit was approved by the Zoning Compliance Officer, but not signed by Selectmen. Owner at the time permit was issued-Northeast Partners Richmond, NH.

Selectmen received a copy of the notification sent by the Richmond Tax Collector to the Board of Land and Tax Appeals per RSA 76:1-a stating final tax bills were mailed in December 2021.

Letter of thanks received from Southwestern Community Services for Richmond's contribution of \$1,422.00 approved at the 2022 Richmond Town Meeting. Letter attached.

Letter of thanks received from MCVP, Monadnock Crisis and Prevention Center for Richmond's contribution of \$285.00 approved at the 2022 Richmond Town Meeting. Letter attached.

Harrington advised Board the Road Agent has removed the road postings for the season.

Email received from the Richmond Conservation Commission regarding camping in the Bennett Forest (Town Forest). The members of the RCC felt it is in the best interest of the Town to postpone a decision regarding camping until the RCC is able to consult the Monadnock Conservancy and other regional towns

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with conservation land before considering an overnight camping policy. The RCC appreciates the courtesy Mr. Dubois has shown by asking permission, and he is welcome to enjoy the Forest for day use activities. Jerry Mills contacted Harrington to advise that he attended the meeting and had suggested advising Mr. Dubois to contact Camp Takodah, or J. Merrifield. Harrington to contact Mr. Dubois. Email and RCC meeting minutes attached.

Cheshire County Sheriffs Log for the month of March, 2022 received. Reviewed. Harrington to contact the Sheriff's Department regarding questions from the Board.

Harrington to advise Jerry Mills of details of signs for Taylor-Van Bracklin Municipal Building. The Board would like to see a sign that shows the building's name coming from Fitzwilliam or Winchester.

Harrington discussed outstanding Zoning Violations with the Board. Harrington to issue letters, have letters reviewed by the Board and ZCO before sending.

Thompson had question from a resident for the Board regarding a school voucher. The school voucher



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Appointments

Jen and Eric Duda met with the Board to discuss the Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission. Blair Heise was part of the public and offered an explanation regarding what the previous Board had planned for activities, maintenance for the Town Beach, etc. Mrs. Duda will look in to more residents interested in becoming members for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Walk in Appointments

Resident Christy Bailey, met with the Board to discuss the Flood Plain Ordinance and insurance for affected property owners.

Resident Blair Heise asked the Board about erecting a building on his property. Heise was wondering if he needs a variance or special exception due to the location of the proposed building being close to wetlands.

Attachments can be found at the end of these minutes.

[Editor's Note: Attachments can be found on the Town website, due to lack of print space in this edition.]



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April 11, 2022

Public Hearing for Adoption-Town of Richmond Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2021

Attendance: Chairman William Daniels, Selectman Douglas Bersaw, Selectman Andrew Wallace, Town Administrator Susan Harrington, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Thompson. Blair Heise.

Chairman Daniels called the Hearing to order at 5:16 p.m. A letter from Lisa Murphy, Senior Planner for the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, was received stating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has conditionally approved the Richmond Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2021 that was prepared by the Richmond Hazard Mitigation Work Group with assistance from the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC). The purpose of this public hearing is to adopt the Town of Richmond Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2021.

Resident Blair Heise asked if the hearing had anything to do with zoning ordinances. The Board answered no. Wallace explained the plan is for identifying disaster risk for the Town and is required by FEMA to be updated in order for the town to be eligible for disaster funds.


Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board signed the Certificate of Adoption a resolution adopting the Richmond Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2021.

Hearing adjourned at 5:21 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

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