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July 2023

## Richmond is Reeling!

Fran Heap

### Fire

Beloved Fire Chief Ed Atkins formally resigned his office on June 7, 2023. Ed has given decades of dedicated service to the people of Richmond. Please thank him the next time you see him. Happily, Ed will still be around town and is expected to continue in his current capacity at Cheshire County EMS.



The Selectmen have appointed Rob Skrocki as Interim Fire Chief and Spencer Heise and Andy Pearsall as Interim Deputy Fire Chiefs. Rob, a firefighter for the City of Keene, is known to many as the man who found the missing teenager from Athol Road this May (*please see Page 2.*) Rob has hit the ground running and advised the Selectmen on June 13th that he is:

- researching NH's online burn permit application for use in Richmond;
- replacing Firehouse software, now obsolete;
- accepting quotations from ambulance services;
- standardizing training and vehicle maintenance documentation;
- learning requirements of occupancy permits;
- interested in becoming a certified fire warden.

### EMS

In a shocking reversal of its position of February 2023, the DiLuzio Family closed the doors of its ambulance service and sold its business to Rescue, Inc. out of Brattleboro, Vermont. Rescue, Inc. and Cheshire County EMS have submitted three year contract bids to the Town of Richmond. Rob Skrocki, Interim Fire Chief, would like to have the Town of Winchester bid, too, because Winchester offers a paramedic service. He will ask Cheshire County EMS to provide greater bid detail concerning its non-subsidized costs, as well as the availability of its unallocated ARPA funds. Residents of Richmond will still receive Mutual Aid from other towns until an EMS contract is signed.

Richmond's Command Vehicle will be outfitted with rescue equipment, including radios, and used to respond to emergencies.

### Police

At the end of May, properties on Athol Road were targeted by thieves, who broke into several cars and stole cash, car keys, tools, etc. Selectmen Andy Wallace caught two of them on camera and turned over the video to the police. It is believed the two crooks headed south on Route 32 to Royalston, where more car break-ins were reported.

The County Sheriff's Office has asked Richmond residents to lock up their valuables and to telephone (603) 355-2000 to be connected to Dispatch if they have information or require assistance. Residents might wish to invest in outside sensor lights and surveillance cameras for their own protection. And, yes, several people in town would like the thieves to be deterred by the fact Richmond guns are "locked and loaded!"



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## Missing 15-Year-Old Boy in Richmond



*[Editor's Note: The Rooster thanks NH Fish & Game for allowing us to reprint this press release from May 30, 2023, which is online at: [Missing 15-Year-Old Boy in Richmond – NH Fish and Game Department](https://www.nhfishgame.com/missing-15-year-old-boy-in-richmond) ([nhfishgame.com](https://www.nhfishgame.com))]*

Richmond, NH – On Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 10:10 p.m., NH Fish and Game Conservation Officers were called to respond to a missing 15-year-old boy in the Town of Richmond. The boy was last seen at his residence on Athol Road at approximately 6:30 p.m. Conservation Officers, State Troopers, Richmond Fire Department, Winchester Fire Department, and the Royalston, MA Fire Department all responded and began conducting a search around the residence. The area is rural with many trails and Class VI roads. Searchers utilized ATVs and UTVs to search the vast system of trails in the area.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., a reverse 911 call was sent out to residents in the area asking if they had seen the missing boy. After receiving this reverse 911 call a resident on Sprague Road called to report that they had seen the missing boy at approximately 7:40 p.m. This location was approximately 1.5 miles northwest of his residence. The NH State Police Aviation Unit's Helicopter joined the search at approximately 2:15 a.m.

Around 4:10 a.m. on Sunday morning, May 28, the Richmond Deputy Fire Chief located the boy on Royalston Road in Warwick, MA, approximately 2.5 miles south of his residence. The Deputy Chief brought the boy back to the Richmond Fire Department where he was transported to Cheshire Medical Center, in Keene, by the Cheshire Emergency Medical Services Ambulance as a precaution.

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## Monadnock Mobile Food Pantry Pop-Up Event is Coming to Richmond!

Pam Bielunis, Town Welfare Administrator



I know this sounds amazing and unbelievable!

On Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 1-3 PM at the Veterans' Hall, ALL residents of Richmond will be able to come and obtain food items from this event (bring bags or boxes). There are no income requirements — EVERYONE is eligible, and there is NO COST! This is supported by local farms, the Monadnock United Way, New Hampshire Trust Fund, American Rescue Plan Act, and other grants, etc.

In addition, the Monadnock Humane Society will be there with pet food/items. There will also be people to help individuals apply for other community services if needed. Examples are SNAP (food stamps), Fuel Assistance, etc.

Please bring your ID. You will be registering by providing your name, address, and the number of people in your household. This is so they can continue to get funding for this service and to be sure they bring enough food for the events. Your information will NOT be shared.

Over the past year, I have worked with the Program Coordinator, Kate Leversee, and I am happy to announce Richmond is being added to the schedule this year! Some of the surrounding towns which had these events last year are: Fitzwilliam, Antrim, Winchester, and Gilsum.

The purpose of the Monadnock Mobile Food Pantry is to provide increased food security to towns in the Monadnock area, to collaborate with local farmers, and to provide increased fresh fruits and vegetables.

The residents of these towns may have transportation or mobility issues, and/or have no local store (that would be Richmond 😊); these present food accessibility issues for the residents.

The Locals' Local Fund supports local farmers who provide fresh, local food at a negotiated price to Monadnock Mobile Food pantry. If you have

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food items from your farm/garden, you may donate them, or there are funds to purchase them in advance at a “wholesale type price.” The Fund is managed by the Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition in collaboration with the Community Kitchen, the operational partner for the mobile food pantry.



I will post reminders on the Richmond Rooster Facebook page (not the grumblers or the chatters pages), on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and the Veterans' Hall, on the Richmond Town Website Calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bielunis, Richmond Welfare Administrator, at 603-239-6498.

Hope to see everyone there!



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## 4th of July No Bake Cheesecake Terri O'Rorke

### Ingredients

1 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs  
3 tablespoons milk  
16 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
8 oz whipped topping, thawed, or 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped to stiff peaks  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped for decorating  
Sprinkles or funfetti

### Directions

- Lightly spray an 8" round spring-form pan or pie pan with cooking oil.
  - Place whole graham crackers in food processor and process until fine. Add milk and process until it starts to come together. Scrape the cracker mixture into the prepared pan and pat onto the bottom.
  - In a large mixing bowl, mix together cream cheese until smooth (about 1 min.). Add vanilla and sugar, mix well. Fold in the whipped cream or topping with a spatula. Do not over mix! Fold in until there are no streaks of the whipped cream. Spread the cheese mixture over the crust. At this point, you can sprinkle it with funfetti and swirl it into the cheesecake with a knife.
  - Place the cheesecake in the fridge and let set for at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.
  - Whip the remaining half of the cup of heavy cream. Spread a thin layer of whipped cream over the top of the cheesecake. Sprinkle with funfetti. Place the rest of the whipped cream into a piping bag fitted with a closed star tip. Pipe out stars on the edge of the cheesecake. Decorate the side of the cheesecake with more sprinkles.
  - Refrigerate any leftovers for no more than 24 hours.
- Serves 6. 547 calories per serving.



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### TRUE BREW REVIEW Working Man's Porter by Henniker Brewing Company Kevin Ellis



English Porter  
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After a solid day's work and a quick run with Jane, I opted for something on the darker side this evening. Working Man's Porter from Henniker Brewing Company was calling my name. There's something about a porter that I can't refuse. A well-made porter can be enjoyed in any month of the year. This one is particularly nice because it has a lower ABV.

There are four recognized styles of porter: English, Baltic, Robust, and American. However, the two most common ones brewed commercially are English and American. English porters are typically more malty and somewhat sweet with a softer mouthfeel as compared to their counterpart, the American porter, which is more hop forward, roasty and slightly bitter.

Did you know porter beer got its name from the English working class? These men who built towns and cities throughout London grew so fond of this style of

beer that it was named after them. Originally, this beer was brewed with brown malt and at a low ABV, but once brewers started to increase the alcohol content, the taverns could start selling it for more, and the stout porter was born. Nowadays, we just call that style a "stout". Okay, enough with the history, let's go in for a taste!

Pouring this beauty into a tulip glass, I could immediately see I made the right choice for tonight. This beer filled the glass with a malty darkness and an almond-colored head with tight bubbles busting at the top. Holding it up to the light and tipping it gently to one side and the other, dark brown chestnut hues would seep through the edges,

The aroma was full of heavily kiln-dried dark malt. Lots of roasty and dark chocolate scents filled the glass, along with a bit of nuttiness. The hops were also present, with a touch of pine battling for attention.

The flavor was everything the appearance and aroma built it up to be. Initially, lots of roasted malts and hops - assertive, but not aggressive. More bitter than an English porter usually is, but I was okay with that. Digging deeper into the flavor profile, there's some nuttiness and some bread flavors in there, almost like piece of toasted all-grain bread. I also picked up on some bitter dark chocolate and black coffee.

Overall, this beer is a lovely porter. As it might not exactly fit the English style it states on the can, I feel it leans more to an American porter; it's still a very good beer. I could enjoy this offering after mowing the lawn, shoveling the driveway or just watching a movie. I give this beer a 7.5 out of 10.

A little about the brewery - even though Henniker Brewing Company is slightly just out of Cheshire County, its beer is easily available throughout the state. I got this 4-pack at the Monadnock Food Co-op, but you can find it as close as Kulick's in Winchester. Henniker opened in 2011 and has been growing ever since. They have a decent variety of beers, including lots of IPA's, lagers, and stouts. Stop by if you're on Route 9 headed to Concord or pick up a 4-pack at a local store and give them a try. Cheers!



## New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality

Wendy O'Brien, RHS Secretary

The Richmond Historical Society is sponsoring a lecture, "New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality," in coordination with a reunion of Richmond's schoolhouse alumni.



Firstly, join us on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 PM at the Veterans' Hall with NH Humanities lecturer, Steve Taylor:

*Hundreds of one-room schools dotted the landscape of New Hampshire a century ago and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. Revered in literature and lore, they actually were beset with problems, some of which are little changed today. The greatest issue was financing the local school and the vast differences between taxing districts in ability to support education. Other concerns included teacher preparation and quality, curriculum, discipline, student achievement and community involvement in the educational process.*

## Richmond Historical Society

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## From a friend on Athol Road

Per the NH Humanities website:

*Steve is a farmer, newspaperman and longtime public official. He has studied, written and spoken for many years about New Hampshire's rural culture and the state's agricultural history. With his three sons, he operates a livestock and maple farm in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor and was founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He served 25 years as the State's Commissioner of Agriculture.*

Then, join us at Old Schoolhouse #6 (now the Library!) for a reunion of alumni from Schoolhouse #6 and the North Schoolhouse on Saturday, July 22nd from noon - 4 PM. There will be a potluck, pictures of old Richmond schoolhouses and classes to reminisce over, and an opportunity to make oral recordings of memories. This is a chance to see history in the making, thanks to alumni Sharon (Doubleday) Patnode and Donna Brewer.



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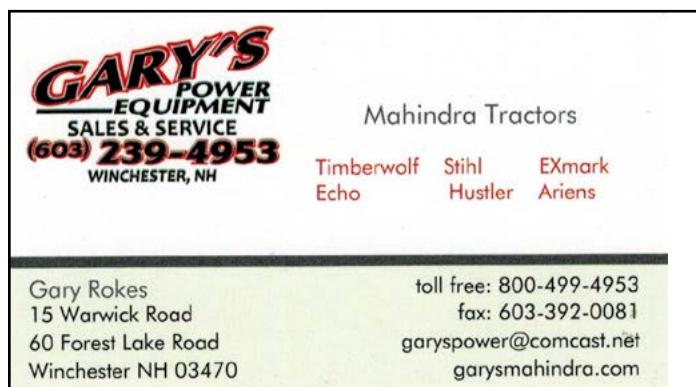
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## Dr. Goodby's Archeology Presentation: A Blast from the Past Fran Heap

(photos by Alan Conklin)

Approximately 30 Richmond residents gathered at the Veterans' Hall on May 17th to hear Anthropology Professor Robert Goodby, who provided archeological evidence suggesting that caribou once roamed the Monadnock Region, Abenaki ancestors may have encountered Woolly Mammoths, and the Ashuelot River in Swanzey is hiding an ancient fish dam. Some of this evidence goes back 13,000 years.



Dr. Goodby spoke of archeological dig techniques, as well as the tribal life, housing, seasonal migration, and petroglyphs of local natives. On display were collections of stone tools, particularly arrow heads. What a rich history the Monadnock Region has!





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### **Richmond Yard & Bake Sale**

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, August 26th. The sale starts at 8:00 AM and continues until 2:00 PM. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds to benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Donations to the sale are welcomed, and pick-up can be arranged. Please call Alison at (603) 239-4494 for more information.

### **Missing Cats from Richmond**



JoJo, a ginger tabby tom cat, has been missing since May 26th from the Monument Road area. ID# 1641.



Fergus, a black tom cat with a white bib, has been missing since May 18th from Fish Hatchery Road. ID# 1629.

*If you spot either of these cats, please contact the Monadnock Humane Society at (603) 352-9011, Ext. 101, and give MHS the ID#. Warning: during warm months, it is easy for cats to get shut into sheds and garages.*

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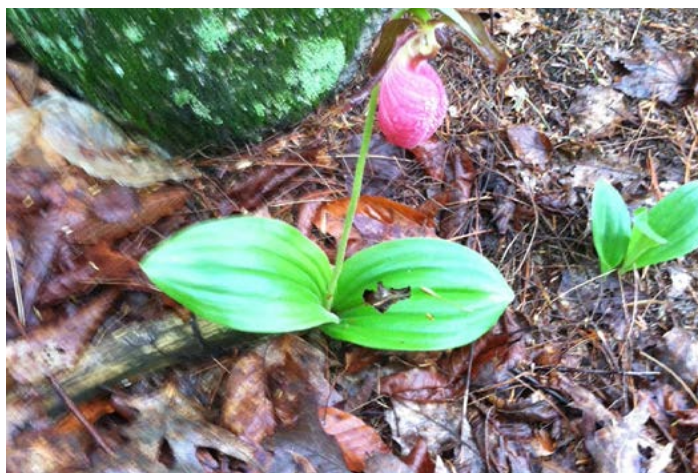
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### **The Great Richmond Ladyslipper Count of 2023 (since 2004) Hank and Louise Hallas**



First, some caveats for this year:

- We did the count June 2nd. The peak was at May 24th;
- The wind and limb clearing in Southern New Hampshire had a real impact;
- Global warming or light snow pack also played a role;
- Current fern growth and underbrush played a big role;
- This year's count was 142, a new low. Old low was 149 in 2017;
- The record still stands at 507 back in 2010 (the World Record);
- Last year's count was 215 total.

*[Editor's Note: Hank and Louise Hallas have been conducting informal, voluntary counts from their car of northwest Richmond's pink ladyslipper population since 2004. Ladyslippers are a species of "special concern" because they require a unique fungus in the soil for feeding and almost never survive transplanting. Some ladyslippers, when left alone, have lived to be 100 years old! If you would like to learn more about the pink ladyslipper, the NH State Wildflower, visit: [Can you dig up pink lady's slippers?](https://extension.unh.edu/can-you-dig-up-pink-lady-slippers/) | Extension (unh.edu)*

### **Zingy Ginger, a Spicy History Karen O'Brien**



This year, the International Herb Association has chosen ginger as its Herb of the Year™. Though we cannot easily grow ginger in New England, we can appreciate its history, culinary prowess, and even medicinal uses. There are almost 200 varieties of ginger; the family name is *Zingiber*. There are many beautiful gingers revered for their flowers, which can be quite stunning in an arrangement, as well as being fragrant. Generally, the root or "rhizome" is the part with which we are most familiar. If the root has not been treated for storage, you can often root the plant by buying a firm, fleshy root and putting it in a pot of soil. It may eventually flower, and you may plant it outside when the temperatures are warm. There are some growers who are planting ginger in hoop houses in the north - a lot of work, but fresh, young ginger is a real treat if you can find it.

Ginger, a spice revered for centuries, has been cultivated for so long that it is no longer found in the wild. It is an important ingredient in over 5,000 years of herbal medicine, relieving chills, aiding digestion, combating flatulence, and as an aid to revive sex drive. It also acts as an antioxidant, slowing the rate at which fats combine with oxygen (causing rancidity). It is thought to have been used by the Babylonians, as it is mentioned several times in the Talmud. The ancient Greeks and



Romans were familiar with ginger, predating records in China and India, where much of this spice has been grown. Records of Vedic literature in India include *Atharva Veda*, written in 2000 BC, in which over 700 plants, including ginger, were listed as important in Ayurvedic healing. The book, *The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine*, written around 1000 B.C., is the first written record of Chinese principles of health and remedies, and includes ginger among many other plants. Curiously, ginger is mentioned in the Quran as a drink of Paradise, but it is the only plant listed in the Quran which is not also mentioned in the Bible. Eastern medicine claims ginger as a metabolism booster; Western thought believes it as useful to stimulate digestion, prevent nausea, and relieve cold symptoms. It surely stimulates pain receptors in the skin and mucous membranes, akin to the "hot" of spicy foods. Cleopatra supposedly used this spice in a love potion to woo Marc Antony, along with nutmeg and mace. Roman emperor Mithridates VI Eupator (135 to 65 B.C.), King of Pontus, suspected he was being poisoned when his food began to taste strange to him. A potion, called Mithradatum, of 36 ingredients, including ginger, frankincense, cinnamon, and myrrh, was created for him. By increasing his dose, he believed he developed a tolerance to poison and would not succumb. Unfortunately for him, when he was deposed and no longer wished to live, he could not drink a potion to kill himself, and was forced to die by sword.

This powerful spice has long been coveted, being one of the important essences in trade among the spice caravans. In 110 A.D., Chinese ginger was transported by caravan and traded for gold, silver and precious gems. By 200 A.D., the Romans, so desirous of this spice, were charged a tax on ginger. The Silk Road, which began as an important land route between east and west in 500 A.D., originally carried precious silk. The spice trade became more lucrative, and continued until 1650 A.D. when sea routes came into use. Marco Polo was the first person to traverse the entire Silk Road, where he saw ginger being cultivated circa 1280. By the 10th century, exotic spices were being traded in Mainz, Germany, brought there by Jewish traders. Its use was



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so widespread that it was set out on the dinner table as salt and pepper are today. It only took another 100 years to become well known in England, as Crusaders traded with Arab merchants and brought this spice back home. One pound of ginger could be traded for a sheep, making this a very costly commodity. Crystallizing ginger, whereby sugar is added to slices of ginger to produce a sweet, became common in the 14th century when sugar became widely available. Jubilee Pop, which was created to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, is a combination of ginger, lemon, and orange essences. You can recreate this drink by using ginger, lemon, and orange cordials, or try this recipe using liqueurs adapted from *Ginger* by Kate Ferry-Swainson:

*Mix together 1/4 cup ginger liqueur; 2 table-  
spoons lemon liqueur; 1 tablespoon of triple sec.  
Add 5 quarts of water. Dissolve 2 ounces of citric  
acid in 1 1/4 cups rosewater. Add to the mixture.*

In medieval times, ginger was often used to flavor ale. It was believed that ginger originated in the Garden of Eden, a beneficial plant to please mankind. By the 1800s, during times of temperance, ginger beer was created as an alternative to the alcoholic ales. Today, we have ginger ale, albeit many varieties do not actually contain ginger. The first chewing gum, also known as "chewing ball," was composed of gum of spruce flavored with ginger. I imagine the spice of the ginger masked the resinous flavor of the spruce.

Ginger is used often in cooking, as an enhancement or to add some zip to cakes, cookies, breads and other treats. The gingerbread man, from a story

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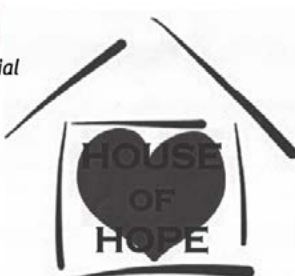
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loved by children, has a long culinary history. It was said to be devised by a baker from Rhodes in ancient Greece. The Romans then took it to Britain where it was baked in monasteries before becoming the sweet treat it is today. Queen Elizabeth I raised gingerbread's status when she had her baker create gingerbread portraits of honored guests and courtiers. Peter the Great, at his birth in 1672, was celebrated with a 150 lb. gingerbread modeled in the shape of the Kremlin to recognize the great occasion. Who knew the gingerbread man had such a royal background?



*Photo from Deutsches Apotheken-Museum, Germany*

Ginger was sometimes used in spells and rituals. Ginger is considered a money-bringing plant, due to its musky and earthy aroma. Combined with sandalwood, vetiver, nutmeg, galangal, it would help you to increase your wealth, and it must have smelled great, too. A Hoodoo formula called *VanVan* brings palmarosa, citronella, lemongrass, vetiver, and ginger together for scent and spiritual power. The term "ginger" has been applied unfairly to red-haired people, since it was believed that red hair indicated a hot temperament. And some use "ginger up" to indicate liven up or rile up. In India, ginger was considered a protection against disease.

How ever you use ginger - for cooking, medicinally, or as a sweet candy - you are following traditions of thousands of years. I always have a couple of tubers in my freezer, as I find that fresh grated ginger adds a little "spice" to my sauces, stir fries, and even drinks. And, maybe this year, I'll make gingerbread people which look like those I love and hold dear. A new tradition, and a tasty one!



## Message from the Supervisors of the Checklist ("SOC")

**Pam Bielunis, Chairperson**

Voter Registrations can be done at any Supervisors of the Checklist meeting, at the Town Clerk's office, or you may contact Pam Bielunis, Chair at 603-239-6498. A person may also register on the day of an election at the Supervisors of the Checklist Table. Dates for the SOC are posted on the Town of Richmond's website calendar and on the bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Veterans Hall.

### Upcoming Supervisors Meetings\*

(Held in the Veterans' Hall Kitchen)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 11AM;

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 4 PM;

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 10 AM.

\*To register, new voters will need to present proof of identity (photo ID), proof of US citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers), and proof of domicile in Richmond (e.g., utility/phone bill). To make changes, please bring your photo ID and any necessary supporting documents/paperwork.

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## Library News Wendy O'Brien

### Library Calendar for July

Weekly: Summer Reading Drop-in Craft

Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Tuesday, July 4th: CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, July 11th, 6 PM: Book Group, *Summer of '69*

Tuesday, July 25th, 6 PM: LEGO Club

### SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30 PM: SAU #93 All

Together Ice Cream Social/Summer Reading Wrap-up

Sunday, August 27th: Richmond Day Used Book Sale and Raffle



### Summer Reading

Join us in celebrating our summer reading theme, “All Together Now!” This month, we have weekly drop-in crafts as well as crafts “to-go,” changing every Wednesday. We’ll be celebrating friendship with puppets, expanding our world with maracas, playing together with giant puzzles, and planting seeds of kindness. Drop by, log in those reading minutes, and add to our summer mural!

### Book Club: *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand

Our Tuesday Book Club will be meeting on July 11th at 6 PM to discuss *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand. “Four siblings experience the drama, intrigue, and upheaval of the ‘60s summer when everything changed,” a great summer read by the “queen of the summer novel”--Goodreads.com.



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### New Hampshire's Sex Offender Registry

**Fran Heap**

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While not all sex offenders are child sex offenders, many are, and it behooves parents to teach their children whom to avoid. And, yes, Richmond has registered sex offenders, but not nearly as many as our abutting neighbors: Swanzey, Winchester, and Fitzwilliam. In fact, a user can plug "Cheshire County" into the search options and have pages of offenders appear.

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#### Fran Heap

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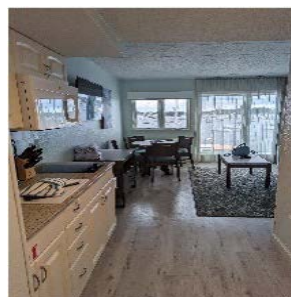
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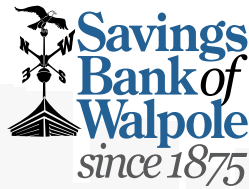
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**Selectmen:** William Daniels, Doug Bersaw, Andrew Wallace

Selectmen Meeting at Town Hall – Mon. 5:30 P.M.

*Public is welcome to attend. Please call 239-4232 for an appointment if you have an item for the agenda.*

**Town Administrator:** Susan Harrington

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Thompson

Mon. 9 AM – Noon, 3 PM – 5:30 PM

Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – Noon

*For town business outside of the above hours, please call 239-4232 for a Monday evening appointment.*

**Town Clerk:** Karen O'Brien

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Cheryl Brake

Tues. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Wed. 9 AM - Noon & 1 PM - 4 PM

Thur. 8 AM - Noon

*For Tues. appointments (5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM), call 239-6202 or email the clerk.*

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Mary Rogers

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon

**Planning Board:** Held at Taylor/VanBrocklin Bldg.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month - 7:00 PM

**Transfer Station and Recycling Facility:** 239-8136

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

**Town Library:** Wendy O'Brien, Librarian, 239-6164.

Tues. 3 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon

Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

**Police (Non Emergency):** 355-2000

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

**Fire Warden:**

**Fire Permit:** Buzz Shaw, 239-4238

**Selectmen –** 239-4232

**Town Clerk –** 239-6202

**Tax Collector –** 239-6106

**Road Agent:** Elton "Buddy" Blood, II – 400-3629

**Building Maint.:** James Nolan, 239-3353

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