



### MESSAGE FROM TAX COLLECTOR

*Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector*

Tax bills will again be going out sometime in December; the date is yet to be determined. The delay is due to circumstances outside of my control. What this means for the parcel owners is that bill will be due sometime in January 2008. As soon as I get a tax rate from the DRA/Selectmen, I will issue the bills. Also, as a service to the parcel owners in town, I am considering offering online bill payment either by ACH through personal checking/savings or by credit card (AMEX, MasterCard, or Discover); use of a Visa CC is not offered through this service. The cost to the taxpayer will be \$.25 (25 cents for each ACH) or 3% of the total tax bill if done by credit card. There will be no cost to the town if the program is implemented. I would like to get feedback from the public if this is something you might make use of. Please write, call, or drop in and let me know. 603-239-6106 Tax Collector

### !!!Retired!!!

*Joseph Thibodeau*

Effective December 31, 2007, I will no longer be the Fire Warden, as I will have retired.

Effective January 1, 2008, fire permits must be obtained from Ed Atkins, 27 Athol Road, Richmond, 603-239-6337, or they can be obtained from Buzz Shaw, 29 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, 603-239-4238.

### Filing Period for Town Offices

*Pam Goodell*

January 23, 2008 - February 1, 2008 (3-5 PM only on Friday) is the filing period for town offices. The Town Clerk's Office closes at 4 PM on Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th and closes at 4 PM on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2007.

### Town Offices - Positions open

*Pam Goodell*

Now is the time to start considering if you would like to volunteer your service to the Town. The following offices will be open for election or re-election:

- 1 moderator for 2 years
- 1 supervisor of the checklist for 6 years
- 1 selectman for 3 years
- 1 trustee of trust funds for 3 years
- 1 library trustee for 3 years
- 2 planning board members for 3 years
- 1 cemetery trustee for 3 years

There are also appointed positions and committee positions that could use volunteer help. Give it some thought.

### Surry HAS Withdrawn!

WOW-we never expected a two to one vote for Surry withdrawal. We wish the town of Surry, particularly the kids, all the luck in what will not be an easy transition task. We are

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curious as to how our voters of normally conservative Richmond are thinking are you planning on just absorbing the \$200 dollar extra property tax increase (on a \$200,000 home), for Surry withdrawal, or are you looking to us to save this money some other way?

**Union Contracts:** The contract with the **Support Staff Employees** has been agreed to by the school board and impacted employees. There will be a warrant article in March 2008 for the voters. The **Teacher Contract**, while not finalized, must have some positive movement, as there was a closed session board meeting on it in November. The teacher contract parties must agree by January 8th 2008 to get on the March 2008 Warrant.

**Existing Teacher Early Retirement:** This multi million-dollar program funded by the district voters (not the New Hampshire Retirement System) is being challenged by the Town of Sullivan as not being properly disclosed to the voters. What we have heard is that it has been presented to a judge requesting termination of adding any more teachers to early retirement.

**Retirement Pay in Lieu of Health Insurance:** This program allowed selective MRSD, SAU 38, and Hinsdale, employees to accept the employer's portion of their health insurance to be considered pay and as such add to their retirement benefit. The New Hampshire Retirement System disallowed this procedure because they did not feel it was pay. Several employees have appealed the ruling. As of this date no final ruling on the appeals has been delivered.

**2008-09 Budget:** (*this report is a snap shot in time meetings are scheduled, and more will be scheduled to review the 2009-09 budget*) The requested operating budget is increased 3.5%. That does not sound like much until you consider that it does not included raises for (unionized) teachers or support staff employees. As both teachers and support staff are without contracts, raises will be on individual warrant articles [one warrant

for each union] in March 2008. The review process started formally on November 3, at a joint meeting of the board and budget committee where we went through the budget requests from most of the schools (Northern schools being the exception). We have yet to look at the SAU, technology, facilities (about \$850,000 plus a director position) and the revenue sources. The default budget sub-committee has not yet met.

**2008-09 Public Hearing will be January 10, 2008, 7:00PM, at the Monadnock Regional High School**

**Building Requirements Survey:** Although there is no education plan to back it up, the professional study **for additions and renovations for the Middle / High School came in at \$37.5 million.** Ms. Dreyfuss points out that it has not gone any further than accepting the report. One can only wonder why we sent the architect off for estimating with absolutely no priority and what amounted to a wish list of requirements. Call us with questions, comments, or ideas; Jim 239-4948, Neil 239-4031.

#### TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

Pam Goodell

Please notice that the Rooster has again agreed to include a calendar of town clerk office events in this month's issue. They have done this as a convenience for you. We suggest that you remove the list and post it in a visible place to remind yourself of the dates. Maybe you could even mark the dates on your appointment calendar. Please check the list for closings before trying to register your vehicles. When the Town Clerk's Office is going to be closed, it will be posted well in advance of the closing in 3 places in town. It is posted on the front and back doors of the Town Hall, at the Richmond Library and inside the front door of the 4-Corner Store. It is not mentioned on the telephone message machine. All non-emergency closings are also published in the Rooster each month. Please don't get caught short. Plan in advance and don't wait till the last minute to register your vehicle. Also vehicles can be registered by mail if that is easier for you. For those of you with dogs, I am

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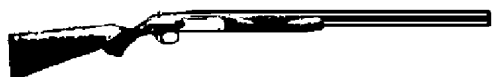
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hoping that this list will be helpful, since there are now too many of you to notify in person. (How great is the price of progress?!). Dogs, too, may be registered by mail. Have a nice year!

### Richmond Rooster-Richmond Public Library Wendy O'Brien

**Community Coffee Hour** On Saturday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m. there will be a free community coffee hour hosted by Library Trustee Elaine Moriarty. Come by, have a hot drink and yummy goodies, and meet your neighbor!

**Story Hours On Saturday**, December 8th at 10:30 a.m. Gwyn will lead a preschool story hour focusing on "Holidays." Come for an hour of enjoyable stories, songs and finger plays, and a snack.

Saturday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m., Wendy will lead a story hour for older children featuring holiday stories by authors such as Jan Brett, Chris Van Allsburg, Graham Oakley, Robert Leeson, Dr. Seuss, and Clement Moore. A snack will be provided. Come join us!

**Bake Sale and Gingerbread House Raffle** Our bake sale and gingerbread house silent auction was a huge success, raising over \$330.00 to support the purchase of books for our children's room. Elaine Moriarty baked up a fantastic array of items, set up and took down the tables, and maintained the table throughout the entire sale. Deb Watson provided both a gingerbread

house and train for our raffle. Barbara Woodward assisted at the table during the morning. The BIGGEST thank you goes out to all of you who baked for the sale. We had an overwhelming response. We couldn't have done it without all of you! We hope to see you soon! Our hours are Tuesday, 4:30-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Thursday, 4:30-7:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Longtime Richmond Resident

*Norma Thibodeau*

Judith Gilman, longtime resident of Richmond passed away November 16, 2007 at her home. Always a willing helper, Judy had served Richmond in many capacities over the years. In recent years Judy worked with Home Health Care and Community Services for Richmond. At one time Judy served as Town treasurer. Her nature was quiet, hardworking and thoughtful. Together with her husband Charlie, they worked on many projects in Richmond in the 1970's and 80's . . . including the once beautiful stenciling of the Veterans' Memorial Hall, with hand made stencils by resident Ruby Austin. Charles Gilman passed away in July 2007. Judy is survived by her mother Eleanor Fasset of Richmond.

### Rooney and Garland are Celebrated in a WB Collection

*Frank Behrens 54 School Street Keene, NH 03431*

Warner Bros. has pulled out all the stops for the DVD boxed set of the "Mickey Rooney & Judy Garland Collection." For starters, there are four discs: "Babes in Arms" (1939), "Strike Up the Band" (1940), "Babes on Broadway" (1941), and "Girl Crazy" (1943). The first three were directed by Busby Berkeley, the fourth partly directed by him.

"Babes in Arms" boasts only two Rodgers and Hart songs from the original, while the music to a third is heard only as an ironic comment on one of

the characters. It follows the original concept, if not the entire plot, of a group of youngsters wanting to put on a show to prove their worth. "Where or when" is the best song in the score and the contributions of other composers and lyricists are adequate to good. (MGM thought the Hart lyrics to the other songs were "too sophisticated" for American audiences. Sigh.)

"Strike Up the Band" retains only the title and title song of the Gershwin original. It is concerned with-surprise-a group of youngsters wanting to make their school band good enough to win a competition set up by Paul Whiteman. A memorable sequence has an animated tableful of fruits playing band music.

I never liked Rooney in these two films. He was undoubtedly multi-talented but his delivery was too manic for my tastes. He plays, however, the obligatory sentimental scenes with conviction, no small feat given the soapy dialogue. Garland is like Myrna Loy to the overacting William Powell. She plays the "plain" girl in these first two films, finding a rival in the blonde dancer/contortionist June Preisser.

"Babes on Broadway" gives Garland no female rival in a plot that has-(!)-a group of youngsters wanting to put on a play. (MGM really had a very low opinion of the public's taste. As long as they gave it Rooney and Garland with impossibly overblown production numbers, who cared about plots?)

"Girl Crazy" is leaps better. It actually keeps seven songs from the original play; and where other songs are interpolated, they are all by Gershwin. The plot is sketchily that of the original: a New York playboy goes west and has to-sorry-put on a show to help out the local college. Garland is gorgeous in the role originally played by a teenaged Ginger Rogers, and the songs (seldom sung in their original context) are fabulous. One wishing to purchase the films separately, which I do not recommend, should start with this one. (Look for a brief appearance by June Allyson as a nightclub singer.)

Each of the four films is followed by several bonus features. The first and last films have excellent, highly informative optional narrations by John Fricke. They all have vintage cartoon and shorts to give that Saturday Afternoon at the Movies feel. There is a hard cover booklet giving a history of the films, along with the casts and trackings. With the book is yet a fifth DVD which holds an interview with Mickey Rooney, a compilation of 22 Garland songs from several of her films,

and 10 trailers for Rooney and Garland films.

There is even a boxed collection of stills taken at off-moments during the shooting of the four films.

What more can one say? This bonus DVD and book are worth the price of the entire set by themselves. As TV Guide used to say, "Pounce."

### RESCUE REMINDER Richmond Rescue Squad

*Terri O'Rorke, Rescue Captain*

The members of the Richmond Rescue Squad would like to issue a reminder to all Richmond residents to please notify Maureen Blackledge, the secretary of the rescue squad, by calling 239-6289 to let her know of anyone in Richmond who might need assistance in the event of a wide area emergency. All information is kept confidential and will only be used in the event of a town-wide emergency, or evacuation. This is completely voluntary, however, the phones may not function and if your emergency services do not know a need exists, we cannot help.

Apart from "large scale" problems such as ice storms, when someone calls 9-1-1 system for an emergency several things occur. The caller will be asked numerous questions pertaining to the incident. These questions come from an emergency dispatch computer program. The call is then passed from the 9-1-1 answering center to a dispatch center. If fire or medical help is needed the call will go to Southwestern Fire Mutual Aid center in Keene and if police are needed the call goes to the Cheshire County sheriff. These centers alert the emergency services to respond to where help is needed. Depending on the answers given to the 9-1-1 operator only Richmond may be dispatched or Richmond and several additional mutual aid towns maybe sent. When medical assistance is needed The Richmond Rescue Squad's volunteers respond and provide care as quickly as we can get there. The ambulance and paramedic (if determined to be needed) comes from DiLuzio

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Ambulance Service in Keene. State of NH law requires the ambulance transport to the nearest appropriate facility. In our case, that would be Cheshire Medical in Keene. Sometimes, in the case of an extreme trauma (motor vehicle accident, for example) a helicopter will arrive from some of the area hospitals with that service, Dartmouth/Hitchcock in Lebanon, and U. Mass. in Worcester to name two. The helo normally lands behind the fire station or at Shir-Roy and the ambulance brings the patient to the landing site.

We hope that this may bring a clearer understanding of the 9-1-1 system and what occurs after it is activated. We also sincerely hope no one ever needs to use it!

**90 YEARS YOUNG**

*Norma Thibodeau*

Robert VanBrocklin, charter member (1943) of the Richmond Fire Department, celebrated his birthday at a party given by his family, held at Camp Takodah dining hall. With him are life members of the Richmond Fire Dept (left) Joe Thibodeau (1976). George Blais (1969) (right) All are still active in the Fire Department. And have a combined fire service of 134 years.

Members of the department also celebrated Bob's birthday at a party at the fire station on Sunday November 11.

**This Months RSA**

*submitted by Terri O'Rorke*

Sometimes while reading the selectmen minutes I find that they have gone into "Executive Session". Wanting to find out a little more about a non-public session I looked up the appropriate RSA and here it is. So basically a selectboard can go into non-public session for only six reasons and minutes MUST be kept and then released for the public within 72 hours, unless of course said selectboard votes to seal them. Unless a two-thirds vote is taken not to release the minutes of a non-public session, those minutes are public records and must be released.

**TITLE VI PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
CHAPTER 91-A ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS  
AND MEETINGS Section 91-A:3**

91-A:3 Nonpublic Sessions. I. (a) Bodies or agencies shall not meet in nonpublic session, except for one of the purposes set out in paragraph II. No session at which evidence, information or testimony in any form is received shall be closed to the public, except as provided in paragraph II. No body or agency may enter nonpublic session, except pursuant to a motion properly made and seconded. (b) Any motion to enter nonpublic session shall state on its face the specific exemption under paragraph II which is relied upon as foundation for the nonpublic session. The vote on any such motion shall be by roll call, and shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of members present. (c) All discussions held and decisions made during nonpublic session shall be confined to the matters set out in the motion. II. Only the following matters shall be considered or acted upon in nonpublic session: (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which

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has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any body, board, or agency for the purposes of this subparagraph. (f) Consideration of applications by the adult parole board under RSA 651-A. (g) Consideration of security-related issues bearing on the immediate safety of security personnel or inmates at the county correctional facilities by county correctional superintendents or their designees. (h) Consideration of applications by the business finance authority under RSA 162-A:7-10 and 162-A:13, where consideration of an application in public session would cause harm to the applicant or would inhibit full discussion of the application. (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life. III. Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic session shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the body or agency itself, or render the proposed action ineffective, or pertain to terrorism, more specifically, to matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions,

developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life. This shall include training to carry out such functions. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. Source. 1967, 251:1. 1969, 482:2. 1971, 327:3. 1977, 540:4. 1983, 184:1. 1986, 83:4. 1991, 217:3. 1992, 34:1, 2. 1993, 46:1, effective June 7, 1993; 335:16, effective June 29, 1993. 2002, 222:2, 3, effective Jan. 1, 2003. 2004, 42:1, effective Jan. 1, 2005

**Victoria and Russ Provost Environmental Scholarship**

Russ and Victoria Provost of Richmond have established an annual scholarship for a Richmond student from Monadnock Regional High School who will pursue a post-high school education at a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution. \$400.00 will be given directly to the winner and \$100.00 will be donated to The Monadnock Conservancy in the winner's name. Along with the application the student must design a community-based project that could have a positive, environmental impact on the Town of Richmond if it were to be initiated. The applications will be available on January 1, 2008 at the Monadnock High School guidance office and must be submitted to the Guidance Office by April 14, 2008. Victoria and Russ Provost 38 Monument Rd Richmond NH 03470 cc: Monadnock High School Guidance Office Monadnock Conservancy.


**MANIPULATION—MANUFACTURING TRUTH**

*Betty Grondin-Jose*

Okay Richmond. What will it be? Fact or Fiction? Is there any question who was telling the truth on the *Chronicle* program last month? (If you haven't seen it yet, contact Russell Provost to see a taping.) What had started as a concern for the town being saddled with costs associated with a SBC expansion has become an issue of truth and tolerance!




With the expanse of writings and propaganda coming from Brother Andre Marie, how is it possible he is ignorant about the Holocaust? How can we possibly buy the idea that the Jews were simply part of a group including Methodists, Muslims and agnostics who are all subject to the same benevolent appeal to reject their own beliefs by awakening to his one true faith? (Not

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that I even remotely agree with that supposition.) No, in fact, I have been pitched by SBC members with the appeal to hate the Jews, as they named them the evil of our world, and accused them of mass conspiracy by controlling the 'mass' media and financial markets. Hello? If one was to be ignorant enough to buy this line of thinking, what is the conclusion? What is the plan of action? Why try to convince people that the Holocaust is a myth and the Jews are the head of an evil empire, hidden behind our current social structure? Well, for SBC, or more aptly labeled the Cult, the desired result is probably to become part of the 'Right' way and submit to the 'Right' rules and join their numbers. Then what? Well, what do groups do, when they preach against an evil opponent? Do they rise up, collect power and act against that evil, or do they just like to talk about it and fantasize about this evil and how great it would be to conquer it?

It is curious, that there has been a strong and consistent effort from the SBC to win local political offices; in fact our tax collector and town moderator are SBC members (Steve Boscarino and Doug Bersaw). Bersaw until very recently has held the top position in the "Third Order", a brotherhood of lay members that work for the good of their community. His stepping down from this position is due to needing to focus energy on other interests, such as the Loreto Press. On the Loreto Press website, which Bersaw leads as president, the families that work to support this institution are described as "militant Catholics".

The other piece of the *Chronicle* program that provoked a strong reaction was the testimony of Christine Bryan. The idea that she has not heard the preaching of hate towards the Jews is difficult to believe. Look at the web site and consider her position of leadership. The lack of credibility from the leaders of the SBC grows every time they utter a word. The other disturbing aspect of Christine's story was the effort to create an image of all American goodness in her family and

beyond. America is based on tolerance, freedom of religion and freedom of thought. The rule of law holds us to account if we violate others' personal rights. These values, tolerance and freedom of thought, are absent at the SBC. I ask each of us to consider the future of Richmond, where there is a possible strong SBC influence and presence across its governing bodies. Can anyone in this community be trusted? Can people continue to rally around their values and purpose?

The choice of looking the other way and staying out of the controversy, or acting with courage by opposing it is what we have to decide. This is an age old problem. We have been taught to play nice, and respect long held institutions, especially religious entities. We are more comfortable to assume the best and ignore signs that indicate otherwise. When the Jews were rounded up and put on the trains like cattle and the ovens burned nearby, many huddled in fear while they witnessed this, but many acted bravely, risking their family's lives. Many fought and died to stop the insane actions of Hitler.

We all have a choice. Visit the Historical Society archives and the various websites associated with the SBC. There are many reasons to be concerned about this little town becoming considerably less free, and losing its great history of tolerance and freedom of personal beliefs. If possible run for local political office and do what you can to expose and render powerless their fanatical rhetoric, making it incapable of doing any further harm.

**Response to School Issues**

*Michael Hoefler*

For a second month in a row Jim Carnie and/or Neil Moriarty (I'm not sure who actually wrote the reports) have referred to the School Board in the third person, as if they were not a part of the governing body of their report. Oct: "They debated it but in the end they tabled any action" Nov:

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"We wish the Board would just act" Gentlemen you are the board, wouldn't it be more accurate to say "We debated it, but after discussion the matter was tabled."? I think this choice of language illustrates how isolated our representatives are from the mainstream of the board, subconsciously they are not even a part of it!

While Mr. Moriarty and Mr. Carnie obsess over early retirement, progress on our most pressing issues seems to be ignored: our high school is falling apart and in need of a 30+ million dollar renovation Our high school is on probation and in danger of loosing its accreditation Our elementary schools have failed to make adequate yearly progress in math and reading. If not addressed, these issues will combine (a perfect storm) to have a generational impact on the towns of the MRSD.

Ask any Realtor what will happen to our property values should the high school's accreditation be revoked.

Simple math tells us if our property values decline, the property tax rate will need to increase just to generate the same amount of funding. Compounding this, is the fact that no one will want to move to the area, further stressing the existing tax base and reducing options for those who wish to move.

In the end, perhaps the most revealing thing regarding Mr. Carnie and Mr. Moriarty's approach to their roles is the innocuous and innocent sounding "Take the grand kids down there and try it out" (in reference to the

new playground); did Richmond become a retirement home when I wasn't looking? Does this explain their nearly singular focus on a taxpayer agenda vs. and educational agenda?

According to census data (<http://www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/htmlprofiles/richmond.html>) we have 335 people under the age of 19 in our town and 121 above the age of 65. This suggests to me that we have a lot more parents worried about sending their kids to an accredited high school then we do grandparents worried about what do to with their grand children. Let's hope we begin seeing some leadership from our representatives on the issues that matter most to all of us. mhoefer@gmail.com

### To The Richmond Rooster

Jean Tandy November 15,2007

The public is entitled to know that "the difference" between St. Benedict Center, Inc (SBC) and Blessed Sacrament Community, Inc.(BSC), as interpreted by Brother Andre Marie in his " Dear Mr.Watt " letter in Nov. 2007, "The Richmond Rooster", is contrary to a statement made in1988 by Douglas Bersaw in a site plan "Statement of Purpose" he submitted to Richmond Town Officials. Mr. Bersaw wrote:"This site plan application is submitted for the St. Benedict Center monastery portion of the Blessed Sacrament Community Subdivision #2. This property is to be the focal point of the Blessed Sacrament Community development . The families who will be purchasing property and building here are doing so primarily because of the proximity to the St. Benedict Center Monastery, School and Chapel to be located on the premises. (the remainder of the statement of purpose is long and detailed). It was signed, Yours sincerely, Douglas Bersaw, Pres. Blessed Sacrament Community, Inc. However, according to Brother Andre Marie in his "Dear Mr. Watt" letter of November 2007, "The Richmond Rooster", Mr. Watt is charged with "error" of understanding of the SBC/BSC issue. Brother Andre Marie writes: "SBC (Saint Benedict

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"He who cannot draw on 3,000 years is living hand to mouth." - Goethe



## Kitchen Creations

### FROSTED GINGER COOKIES

*Terri O'Rorke*

#### Ingredients:

- 1 c. granulated sugar, plus more for rolling cookies
  - 3/4 c. butter, at room temperature
  - 1 egg
  - 3 tablespoons molasses
  - 2 c. flour, sifted
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
  - 1 c. powdered sugar
  - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream 1 c. granulated sugar with butter until light & fluffy, about 3 mins. Mix in egg & molasses.
  2. In a med. bowl, stir together flour, baking soda & spices. Add to butter mixture & blend well.
  3. Fill a shallow bowl with granulated sugar. Break off walnut-size pieces of dough and roll into balls; roll balls in sugar. Arrange on greased cookie sheets & bake until golden brown, about 10 mins. Transfer to cooling racks.
  4. Meanwhile, make glaze: Combine powdered sugar with 1 tbsp. water & stir until smooth, then stir in lemon juice. Drizzle glaze over cookies. Note: Nutritional analysis is per cookie. Makes about 40 cookies. CALORIES 102

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James. The Richmond Community United Methodist Church is now selling packets of 10 cards and envelopes for \$5.50. Proceeds will go to the general budget of the church. These will make wonderful Christmas gifts for everyone on your list. They may be purchased at the 4 Corner Store, or ordered at the Richmond Library or by calling Pam at 239-4790.

### Wreath Sale

*Pamela Goodell*

Don't forget to get your greens decorations on sale at the Old Brick Church from 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting Dec 1, 2007 through Dec 16, 2007. Prices range from \$5 to \$12. If you'd like to order ahead, call Pam at 239-4790.

### No More Estimates Town Clerks Office

*Pam Goodell*

They say, "For every step forward there are two steps backward." This seems to be true of computer programs. We are very pleased with the new state vehicle program that we obtained in September. However, the program does not allow us to do estimates for costs involved with registering new vehicles or with transferring plates. (Hence our step backward.) We will, however, try to give a rough guess of the costs on vehicles you are renewing. We are hoping that the convenience and accuracy of the new program will offset this slight inconvenience.

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**DATES for 2008 From  
TOWN CLERKS OFFICE**

- Jan 23 Filing Period For Town Offices Begins  
Feb 1 Deadline To File For Town Office (3-5 PM Only)  
Feb ? Annual Budget Hearing (Pre-Warrant) Ask Selectmen  
Feb 5 Warrant Article Deadline  
Feb 18 Closed - Presidents Day  
Feb 25 Last Day For Selectmen To Post Warrant  
Feb 28 Last Day To Register To Vote With Town Clerk (May  
Register To Vote At The Polls On Election Day)  
Mar 11 Town Meeting/Election Day (Town Clerks Office Closed)  
April 30 **Dog Licenses Expire !**  
May 26 Closed - Memorial Day  
May 29 **Deadline For Late Dog Licenses!**  
**June 3 Last Day To Change Party Before State Primary**  
**June 4 Filing Period For State Office Begins**  
**June 13 Filing Period For State Office Ends (3-5 Pm Only)**  
Sept 1 Closed - Labor Day  
Sept 2 Last Day To Register With The Town Clerk To Vote (May  
Register At The Polls On Election Day)  
Sept 9 State Primary Election Day (Town Clerks Office Closed)  
Sept 30 **Deadline For Transfer Station Stickers!**  
Oct 13 Closed - Columbus Day  
Oct 23 Last Day To Register With The Town Clerk To Vote (May  
Register At The Polls On Election Day)  
Nov 4 General Election Day (Town Clerks Office Closed)  
Nov 11 Closed - Veterans Day  
Nov 26 & 27 Closed - Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 24 Closed At Noon - Christmas Break  
Dec 25 Closed - Christmas  
Dec 31 Closed At Noon - New Years Eve  
Jan 1, 2009 Closed - New Years Day



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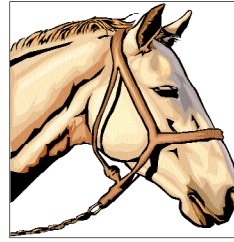
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- Mon. 7:00 —7:30 P.M. Town Departments
- Mon. 7:30 —? P.M. Public Concerns

**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart

- Mon. 6 P.M. —9 P.M.
- Wed. 8 A.M. — 12 noon, 1:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M.
- Fri. 8 A.M. —12 noon, 1:00 P.M.— 4:00 P.M.

**Town Clerk:** Pam Goodell

Deputy: Annette Tokunaga

- Mon. 9 A.M. —Noon, 1 —4 P.M., 6 —8 P.M.
- Wed. 9 A.M. —Noon, 1 —4 P.M.
- Tues. & Thurs. 9 A.M. —Noon

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Cheryl Tattersal

- Mon. 7 P.M. —8 P.M.
- Thurs. 4 P.M. —6 P.M.

**Planning Board:** Robert Coy, Chairperson

- Meetings held at Civil Defense Building  
1st & 3rd Tues of the Month —7:30 P.M.

**Transfer Station & Recycling Facility**

- Tues. 8 A.M. —4 P.M.
- Thurs. 8 A.M. —7 P.M.
- Sat. 8 A.M. —5 P.M.

**Town Library:** Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

- Tues. 4:30 P.M. —8 P.M.
- Wed. 9:00 A.M. —12 P.M.
- Thurs. 4:30 —7 P.M.
- Sat. 10 A.M. —2 P.M.

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