

While driving to work each day, I appreciate the beauty of our community. The sunrises are amazing. The fog lingering in the valleys and fields creates a beautiful landscape. I also notice the lack of E-911 numbers to identify residences. Some homes have easy to find numbers, however, many are fading, and some are missing parts of the numbers while other locations are unmarked. Your E-911 number is tremendously important. It is a major component of the most important detail emergency services uses during a time of crisis. In a time where every second counts, don't you want to assist by having your E-911 number properly displayed and seen? Ultimately, it not only helps locate you but your neighbors too.

Every residence and camp have been assigned an E-911 number. If you do not know what your E-911 number is, please contact the town office. Your assigned number should be displayed on a post, fence, wall, mailbox or some structure easily visible from the road. Because emergency services could respond from either direction on a road, make sure your number can be seen from either direction. This includes placing numbers on both sides of your mailbox. Numbers should contrast with the background and be at least 4 inches in height.

Next time you leave your house, please double check your numbers. In a time where seconds count, properly displayed numbers may save a life, even your own life. Becky Hapgood

Becky Hapgood Town Manager

SAVE THE DATES! <u>Shredding Event</u> Saturday, October 14th 9am-1pm

China Public Works parking lot – enter through 211 Alder Park Rd and exit through the Transfer Station

Fall Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 28th 10am-2pm China Transfer Station All Municipal Services will be closed Monday, October 9th, Indigenous Peoples Day.

> The docks will be removed at the head of China Lake the week of October 9th.



Congratulations to Scott Pierz for receiving the Spirit of America Award for Kennebec County for his work with the China Region Lakes Alliance and China Lake Association!



2024 Dog licenses are available beginning Monday, October 16, 2023. Dogs must be licensed by December 31st each year. Spayed/Neutered - \$6 Male/Female - \$11

A late fee of \$25.00 per dog begins February 1st.



Trunk Or Treat China Primary School Saturday, October 28th 4-6pm



Trunk or Treat Erskine Academy Friday, October 27th 6-8pm AND.... Haunted House (Geared toward middle schoolers, teens and adults) \$5 admission



Introducing the Ask Us Anything Section!

Have you ever had a question about our community you wanted to ask but were too shy? I bet others from town may have the same question. We are starting an "Ask us anything" section of the China Connected where if you submit a question, we will publish the question and answer in a future issue of the CC. This will be totally anonymous! All questions may be sent to jen@chinamaine.org by email or by text. Your question may help another China resident so don't be afraid to ask us!





The next State and Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Absentee ballots will be available October 10th. If you have requested an absentee ballot, you can expect them to be mailed soon after that. Call us at 207-445-2014 ext. 3 to request one by phone or go to china.govoffice.com to request one online!

Congratulations to China's Assessing Agent William Van Tuinen on receiving the Maine Association of Assessing Officers Legacy Award!



Above: William Van Tuinen pictured with Town Manager Becky Hapgood and Assistant to the Assessor Kelly Grotton

Sand for Seniors

If you are a senior and in need of sand this winter but are unable to get to the Transfer Station, there are volunteers who will deliver it to you. This is for delivery only; Sand must be spread by the recipient. Please call the Town Office at 445-2014 X3 to sign up.

