



April 7, 2023

CHINA CONNECTED

China Branch Mills China Weeks Mills South China
Village Village Village Village

Where little villages come together

We are in the final stages of the 2023-2024 municipal budget preparation. The public hearing on the budget and ordinances will be held May 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the town office. There will be a Zoom and Livestream option. We have had some technical difficulties with the audio for a couple of the recent meetings. I apologize and expect it will be corrected by IT before the meeting Monday, April 10th. I am proud of our open government and am displeased by anything that removes that option for residents who use this method as their opportunity to participate in our local government.

You will receive a mailing later this month explaining the warrant articles. If you have any questions, please ask. We have the final budget spreadsheets posted to www.china.govoffice.com under the "elections" tab.

The days are getting warmer, the sun is brighter longer, and the birds are letting us know better days are ahead!

Becky Hapgood, Town Manager
becky@chinamaine.org



All Municipal Services will be closed Monday, April 17th in honor of Patriots' Day

Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 22, 2023
10am-2pm
China Transfer Station

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

The Town of China has many open committee and board positions:

- 1- Recreation Committee
- 5- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee
- 1- Board of Assessment Review (fill term until 2025)
- 1- Appeals Board (fill term until 2023)
- 1- Planning Board District 4 (term ending in 2024)
- 1 - Budget Committee secretary
- Transfer Station Committee
- TIF Committee
- Thurston Park Committee



Contact the Town Office at 207-445-2014 option 3 or at info@chinamaine.org. You can also find volunteer applications at china.govoffice.com under boards and committees.

WE NEED YOU!

Doris L. Young Scholarship Applications are due by May 1st!

Any China resident under 25 attending college who meets the qualifications may apply. The application and more information can be found at china.govoffice.com under town departments/administration/town clerk



China's municipal road postings will be removed Friday, April 7th.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY
CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE (CRLA)**

The CRLA is accepting summer job applications to work for the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). This year the CRLA encourages the **electronic submittal** of the application. You can also print, complete and submit by mail.

The 2023 Job Application is available at the following sites:

<https://www.crlamaine.org>

Type in the CRLA Website above, the application is at the top of the page.

<https://china.govoffice.com>

Go to the Town of China's Homepage, look to the left-hand side tabs, and click on the China Region Lakes Alliance.

Applications must be submitted online or **mailed** directly to the CRLA Post Office Box and **postmarked on or before Saturday, May 13, 2023.**

**CRLA
P.O. BOX 6339
CHINA VILLAGE, MAINE 04926**

**** CRLA is an Equal Opportunity Employer ****



Free Event

Hosted by your Town and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Saturday, April 22nd 2023 at the China Public Works
211 Alder Park Road, China. 8am - 12pm.

Household Hazardous Waste collection

- | Do Bring: | Please Do Not Bring: |
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| All Battery Types | • Explosives & Ammunition |
| TVs, DVD players, and all Electronic Waste | • Recyclable Items (Cardboard, Plastics, Glass, Metal, Aluminum) - Non-China Residents |
| Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels. (Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene, etc.) | • Solid Waste/Trash (Non-China Residents) |
| Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not need to be mixed with sand or sawdust) | • Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) |
| Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides. | • Unused or Unwanted Pharmaceuticals |
| *Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.) | • Asbestos Containing Materials |

Please have items easily accessible and remain in your vehicle, while we dispose of your hazardous waste.

To register for this event, or if you have any questions, please contact your local Transfer Station or Town Office.



You must register by calling the Town Office at 445-2014 x3 or the Transfer Station 445-2014 x2. Event will be at 211 Alder Park Rd (Public Works) and exit through the Transfer Station.

UMA CAREER CONNECTIONS **CareerCenter**
A proud partner of the **employment** network

Job & Resource Fair

Employers include:

- Kennebec Savings Bank
- Maine Dept. of Corrections
- Kidspeace
- Maine Dept. of Health & Human Services
- MaineGeneral Medical Center
- Bath Iron Works
- Kennebec Behavioral Health
- and more!

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
10am-2pm
Fireplace Lounge
Randall Student Center
Augusta Campus

Free and open to the public!

Please come prepared with resumes and dress professionally.

Need your resume reviewed prior to the fair?
Contact Haley Brown,
Student Services Coordinator
(hbrown120@maine.edu)

We need your ideas!
The Town of China is applying to become a Community Resilience Partner with KVCOG. This partnership allows China to become eligible for many grants for improvements that reduce the town's carbon footprint or increase our ability avoid potential hazards due to climate change. This is an exciting opportunity for China. Please come share your ideas at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24th in the Town Office meeting room.

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:
BRANCH POND DAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

When: Saturday, May 6th, 2023 at 10am
Where: Palermo Grange Hall, 20 Branch Mills Road, Palermo, ME 04354
What to Expect:

Midcoast Conservancy and the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) are hosting a Public Meeting regarding the Branch Pond Dam Construction Project. The project is moving forward to construction this summer, beginning in June 2023. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and ask questions. An overview of the project, engineering designs, and a tour of the site adjacent to the Grange (weather permitting) will be provided.

Project Summary:
The project will improve the safety of the community, restore fish passage, and enhance public access to Branch Pond. The project elements include stabilizing the impaired dam to meet safety standards, installing a fishway, and constructing a new dry hydrant, hand-carry boat launch, and improved parking area.

Point of Contact: Please direct any questions to Melissa Cote, Sheepscot River Watershed Manager at (207) 386-6490 or melissa@midcoastconservancy.org

Project Partners:

CALLING ALL INCOMING
2023-2024
Kindergarteners

You are **INVITED**:

When: Thursday, May 4th from 4:30-5:30pm
Where: China Primary School Cafeteria
Who: All incoming Kindergarten students

Details:
China Primary Kindergarten teachers would love to meet all of you! Join us for refreshments, exploration, and information. We can't wait to see you!
(Your child will be placed in random groups during this visit, these will not necessarily be their school year groupings!)

MEET ALL OF THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS & FRIENDS

Reminder – No ash is allowed in the hopper or express lane cans at the Transfer Station.

CHINA RESCUE

We have received several positive comments about the volunteers on China Rescue and wanted to extend heartfelt thanks for all you do and how amazing you all are!