



# CHINA CONNECTED

June 2, 2023

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

Where little villages come together

It is with great sadness that I announce the upcoming departure of our fabulous Code Enforcement Officer, Nick French. In his time with the town, Nick has become a very valuable component of our work family. His humor and wit have helped many stressful situations become less cumbersome and easier to attack. Nick's rapport with the applicants and contractors is extraordinary and will certainly be missed.

Nick has thoughtfully provided an extended notice and would like to help train someone looking to work with the fantastic residents and the amazing employees of the Town of China. If you have experience in code enforcement, or have the aptitude to learn building and plumbing codes and comprehend the town's ordinance, please submit a job application ([china.govoffice.com](http://china.govoffice.com)) and a resume with a cover letter. Although the position does not come with a promise of fame and fortune, there is the opportunity to have a rewarding career in municipal government while enjoying an encouraging and positive atmosphere with people that are willing to believe in you. If you don't have experience, but this job sounds like one you'd like to explore, please apply. I never expected to have a career in municipal government. One day I took a chance and went to work for the town I grew up in, and here I am loving my community and profession 29 years later.

Have a spectacular month of June! If you are in the town office, please wave and say hello!

Becky Hapgood  
Town manager

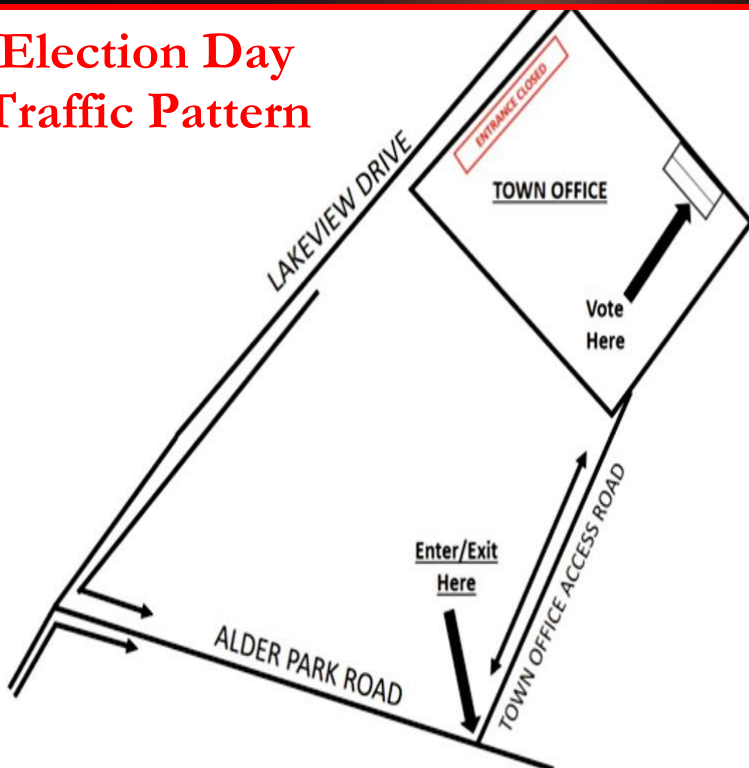


The Town Office will be **CLOSED** to regular business services on Election Day, June 13, 2023. Please visit our web site [www.china.govoffice.com](http://www.china.govoffice.com) for convenient online links to assist with re-registrations and tax payments.

**Polling hours are Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.**

Absentee ballots are available now through June 8<sup>th</sup>. All absentee ballots need to be received by the close of polls, 8:00pm, in order to be counted. We have a secure, conveniently located absentee ballot drop box outside the Town Office located at 571 Lakeview Drive.

## Election Day Traffic Pattern



China is applying to become a Community Resilience Partner as part of Maine's commitment to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for the effects of climate change. CRP partners become eligible for many state grants.

Please visit the link below or scan the QR code to complete the brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GKQCN9>



The Town Office will be closing at 12:00pm, Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> for fiscal year end. We will be open Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am-11:00am.

The China Select Board thanks you for your participation!

## Did you know??

The Town of China has **PaintCare**. Latex, oil based, shellacs, primers, sealers and more are accepted at the Transfer Station. Product containers must have sealed lids and the original label. We can accept amounts up to 5 gallons at one time. Please see the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items below or visit <http://www.paintcare.org> for more information on the program.

Questions? Call 445-2014 ext.2



### What Products are Covered?

Architectural paints (or PaintCare Products) are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or smaller. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or specialty coatings.

#### PaintCare Products

These products have fees when purchased and are accepted for free at drop-off sites:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

#### ⊗ Non-Program Products

These products do not have fees when purchased and are not accepted at drop-off sites:

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes

Note: Leaking, unlabeled and empty containers are not accepted at drop-off sites.



MORE INFORMATION  
(855) 724-6809 or (855) PAINT09  
[www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) or [info@paintcare.org](mailto:info@paintcare.org)

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1500 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE N.W.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

All Municipal Services  
will be closed  
Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>



Thank you to all the volunteers on China's three fire departments and rescue:

Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Dept  
South China Volunteer Fire Dept  
China Village Volunteer Fire Dept  
China Rescue



We appreciate your  
service to the community!!

Please  
remember to  
not mow or  
blow grass  
from your  
property into  
the road. This  
is dangerous  
for motorists,  
pedestrians  
and  
bicyclists.



### REMINDER!

Anyone visiting the Transfer Station must have a placard to enter. Placards can be obtained at the town office.

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Please Join Us for Senior  
Game Day  
in the Portable building!  
Wednesdays 10 am – 12 pm

Spring is here and  
Maine's turtles are on  
the move! Please be  
aware of turtle  
crossings and help  
keep them safe!

**Hello! I am Bailee Mallett. I am the summer intern for the Town of China. My role is promoting Economic & Community Development. This summer I will be working with the community and local businesses to enhance the economic growth of the town! I am a student at Thomas College in Waterville and majoring in Political Science and Criminal Justice. I am from a small town in Aroostook County, so I am familiar with living in a small community. I cannot wait to meet the residents and business owners of China. I am excited to see what the summer holds!**

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual China Community Days

August 4 – 6, 2023

**Volunteers needed!!**

Please contact [chinacommunitydays@gmail.com](mailto:chinacommunitydays@gmail.com), visit them on Facebook or call the Town Office at 445-2014 extension 3.