



CHINA CONNECTED

JULY 7, 2023

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

Where little villages come together

I don't know about you, but these rainy and gray days are disappointing after surviving the long winter. Hopefully, those days are behind us, and we can enjoy this stretch of sunny weather!

The town is still actively looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. Nick's shoes will be hard to fill, but I am sure the right person is out there! If you are interested, please stop by the office and chat with us.

Mark your calendar for the annual China Community Days celebration August 4th – 6th. Volunteers are still needed. Please call or stop by the office if you can help out!

Becky Hapgood
Town Manager



POSITIVE MIND
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CLA Annual Meeting

China Primary School
Saturday, July 29th 8:00am



Nomination Papers Available July 31, 2023

- 2 Select Board positions
 - 3 Planning Board positions: District 1, District 3, & Alt At Large.
 - 3 Budget Committee positions: Chair, District 1, & District 3
- Papers are due back by September 6, 2023. Election date is November 7, 2023.

The **Town of China** is seeking candidates for the position of **Animal Control Officer**. Experience is preferred but not required. ACO certification must be obtained within six months of hire. More information can be found at www.china.govoffice.com. Interested candidates must submit an application to Human Resources, 571 Lakeview Drive, China ME 04358. The Town of China is an AA/EOE.

If you are seeking a fun work family and a rewarding career, the Town of China is the place to work. We are seeking an enthusiastic professional with an attentive skill set to fill a full-time position of **Code Enforcement Officer/Licensed Plumbing Inspector**. This position is responsible for enforcing all applicable laws and ordinances governing shoreland zoning, comprehensive planning and land use, internal plumbing, subsurface wastewater disposal and MUBEC. CEO must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. The town offers a generous benefits package and a supportive environment. Please submit a cover letter, resume and job application to Human Resources, 571 Lakeview Drive, China ME 04358. Applications can be found at www.china.govoffice.com. Position will remain open until filled. The Town of China is an EOE/AA employer.

South China VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 Annual Auction Starts at 10:00 A.M. Sat. July 15th
LUNCH AVAILABLE on the premises !!

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR SALEABLE ITEMS @ SO. CHINA FIRE STATION DURING THE WEEK of JULY 14th

NEED HELP? * CALL THE FIRE STATION AT → 445-2003 ← and Leave a Message

Donations Cash or Check ALSO ACCEPTED!

YOU CAN HAVE FUN! YOU CAN MAKE IT WORK!

START NOW GATHERING YOUR DONATIONS!! HELP US IN THIS WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY-ACTION EFFORT!!

Everyone LOVES an Auction!!

See YOU at: RTE.32 SOUTH - So. CHINA VOL FIRE STATION !!

Let's strive for a Litter-Free China!

If you are able to help efforts to clean up debris from China roads this summer, please reach out to Richard Dillenbeck by email at rvdillenbeck@knology.net. There will be a cleanup effort Saturday, July 8th from 10am-12pm but if you miss this event there is always an opportunity to volunteer. Every little bit helps!



Are you interested in being a part of a China Farmers Market? If you would like information on having a table at the market, please reach out to Bailee at bmallett@chinamaine.org or call her at 445-2014 option 3 for more information.

Code Guy Corner

Yes, the rumors are true. After this month, there will be a new face slapping the magnetic Town of China seal on their vehicle and making the rounds. All of you have been wonderful and it's a classic case of, "It's not you, it's me." My family and I are going to give warmer weather a chance. I can only hope that whoever claims the mantle of CEO continues the tradition of serving the community, supporting its residents, and sustaining integrity...the healthy dose of restrained silliness is optional. It's a tough world out there, but smiles are free. In the meantime, the permits keep coming in, as they should. Give yourselves a healthy pat on the back as we are on pace for a record number of projects this year! I couldn't have asked for a better town to work in. Finally, so as not to disappoint; how much does a roof cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

~ Nick French



China Community Days

Preliminary Schedule of Events

All Weekend

Yard Sale Trail - Follow the map to the local yard sales. (Will be posted on China Community Day's Facebook and the Town of China website.) Anyone wanting your yard sale location to be included please contact the China Town Office with your location and times at 445-2014 extension 3 or info@chinamaine.org.

China Community Days



Join us at the lake!
AUGUST 4-5-6, 2023

Friday, August 4, 2023

Free Barbecue Dinner and Community Social Hosted by Central Church - activities at 627 Route 3 including dinner and a social gathering with lawn games and a movie. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cornhole under the lights - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at China Ballfields between the Middle and Primary Schools, hosted by the Recreation Committee. Call the Town Office at 445-2014 extension 3 to reserve your spot or sign up at scoreholio!

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Community Organizations and Vendors - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - China Ballfields - 763 Lakeview Drive. Kids activities, bounce house, local organizations and vendors.

10:30 - Demonstration by Velocity Athletics under the main tent.
11:30 - 1:30 - Balloon artist

A list of participating organizations will be available on the town website and China Community Days Facebook page. To participate as a vendor please contact chinacommunitydays@gmail.com or call the Town Office with questions - 445-2014-ext 3.

Tribute to Norman Dwelley - 1:00 p.m. - China Middle School

Cruise-In Car Show - 10:00-2:00 - China Primary School - 763 Lakeview Drive - No entry fee and free admission! Each car entered will receive 7 tickets for the prize drawings. Prizes drawn every hour.

Saturday Evening

****The Causeway Road will be closed from 3:00 pm until after the fireworks.****

Cardboard Boat Regatta - Hosted by the China Lake Association - Causeway Road beside the China Baptist Church Park. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. and races begin at 4:00 p.m. Please see the Town of China website, china.govoffice.com, or the China Community Days Facebook page for registration forms and rules. For more information contact Elaine Philbrook at 968-1037 or Bill Powell at 441-3514.

Boat Parade - will be at the head of the lake at 5:00 p.m. Decorated boats should meet in front of the beach area of the China Lake Conference Center at 4:30 p.m. The parade will be led to the Causeway area for judging at 5:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Register at chinacommunitydays@gmail.com.

Street Dance - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - featuring The Veggies! - China Baptist Church parking lot. The China 4 Seasons Club will be selling glow items! Central Church will be providing free hot dogs and family activities. *Thank you China Baptist Church for the use of your property!

Fireworks Display - Approximately 9:00 pm, Head of the lake on Causeway Road (Fireworks are launched from the vicinity of 1st Fire Road) *Thank you to Judi Gilman for the use of your property for the fireworks display.

Sunday, August 6, 2023

****The Causeway Road will be closed from the bridge to the Church parking lot from 8:30 until about 11:30 for the safety of the children fishing.****

Youth Fishing Derby - 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Ages 15 and under. Fishing from the designated area along the Causeway. For more information contact Kelly Grotton at 445-2014 extension 6 or 462-0301.

Scavenger Hunt - 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Teams must meet in the parking lot of the China Baptist Church ready to receive the list at 12:00 p.m. Each team will be provided a list of 100 items to gather. Return to the portable building at the Town Office by 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Kelly Grotton at 445-2014 extension 6 or 462-0301.

*All events (except for the fireworks) will be held rain or shine. *Rain date is Sunday for fireworks.

*No tobacco products, vaping, cannabis or alcohol please! *Pets are not permitted at the school and ballfield properties.