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# CHINA CONNECTED

September 12, 2023

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

*Where little villages come together*

We have many everyday heroes living in China. From the volunteers who respond to emergency calls, to those who get paid to be there in a time of crisis, it takes a special person to step up and help in stressful situations. Thank you and I appreciate all who serve.

As volunteerism is down across the country, I'd like to find a way to buck that trend. Let's flip the script and find a way to encourage you to commit one hour a month to one of the town's committees or an outside group. If you spend one hour a month, you would only be giving up 12 hours a year. What a small sacrifice when you are giving back to your community! I bet you spend more time surfing the web, Snapchatting, Facebook surfing, Twittering, or on Instagram or even waiting in line for a coffee. Think of all the fun you could have joining events in your community and meeting a few new really cool people. If this appeals to you at all, please reach out to me at [becky@chinamaine.org](mailto:becky@chinamaine.org) and we can find out what fits your schedule and interests. Together we can achieve more for our community!

I would like to welcome Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector Zachary Gosselin. Additionally, I must recognize Deputy Clerk and Licensed Plumbing Inspector, Tammy Bailey, who has provided immeasurable assistance with all things code enforcement while we transition and train. Furthermore, Nick French continues to assist on a very limited basis behind the scenes, and we appreciate his efforts.

Make today so awesome that yesterday gets jealous!

Becky Hapgood  
Town Manager



Tax bills were mailed 8/31/23. The first half is due Friday, September 29, 2023. You may pay at the town office in person, by drop box, by mail or online at [AndroGov / Town of China](#). Please be aware fees apply when paying with a credit/debit card or e-check. Tax bills and property cards can be found at [Real Estate Tax Maps, Tax Cards and Tax Bills - Town of China, Maine \(govoffice.com\)](#).

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Shredding Event

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

China Transfer Station



Oct 3 is Senior Citizen Day

if you're 65+ fair admission is **FREE**



Cost per person for the bus is \$75

Sign up at the Vassalboro and China Town Offices

Others welcome as well. Pay \$15 fair admission + bus ride

FMI contact Karen, Vassalboro Community Program Director,  
[khatch@vassalboro.net](mailto:khatch@vassalboro.net) or 207-872-2826



A huge thank you to all who came to the Forest Refresh! There were over 20 volunteers who helped stain the new building, paint the fence at the bird watching station, cleared brush and removed invasive plants along the trail. The work is much appreciated! Stay tuned for more projects to come!

## Want to get involved?

The Town of China has open positions for:

Planning Board – District 4  
 Appeals Board  
 Comprehensive Plan Committee  
 Board of Assessment Review – Alternate

If you are interested in more information, please contact the Town Office at [info@chinamaine.org](mailto:info@chinamaine.org) or 445-2014 X3



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

REMEMBER TO REQUEST YOUR  
**ABSENTEE BALLOT**



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](http://china.govoffice.com) to request one online!

MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

# MAINE OBSOLETE PESTICIDE COLLECTIONS

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

ARE YOU A FAMILY-OWNED FARM, HOMEOWNER, OR GARDENER? HAVE PESTICIDES YOU NO LONGER NEED OR CANNOT USE? WE OFFER A FREE PESTICIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM EVERY YEAR TO COLLECT THESE UNWANTED MATERIALS.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? CONTACT PESTICIDES@MAINE.GOV OR (207)287-2731

### SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

VISIT [THINKFIRSTSPRAYLAST.ORG](http://THINKFIRSTSPRAYLAST.ORG), EMAIL [PESTICIDES@MAINE.GOV](mailto:PESTICIDES@MAINE.GOV), OR CALL (207)287-2731 TO REGISTER AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. YOU'LL NEED THE CHEMICAL NAME, AMOUNT, AND CONDITION OF THE PRODUCTS YOU'D LIKE DISPOSED OF.

### RECEIVE & REVIEW MATERIALS

A FEW WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COLLECTIONS, YOU WILL RECEIVE EVENT DETAILS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE. SOME DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON YOUR PERSON WITH YOUR UNWANTED MATERIALS DURING DROP-OFF.

### DROP OFF AT EVENT LOCATION

VISIT YOUR DESIGNATED LOCATION DURING THE 2-HOUR EVENT PERIOD WITH YOUR PAPERWORK AND UNWANTED MATERIALS. BPC AND DEP STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU AND TRANSFER MATERIALS TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE VENDOR.



COLLECTIONS TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DATES AND LOCATIONS IN AN INFORMATIONAL PACKET SENT OUT PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM. LOCATIONS ARE SET UP IN PRESQUE ISLE, BANGOR, AUGUSTA, AND PORTLAND. THIS IS NOT A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT, ONLY PESTICIDES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

