



CHINA CONNECTED

November 3, 2023

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

Where little villages come together

The recent unfathomable events in Lewiston forever changed the lives of many. Countless members of our community were impacted by the heinous tragedy. Whether you are directly affected or feel the enormity of the heartbreak, please know we are grieving too. If there is anything your community can do, please reach out. You are not alone. China supports you.

We are appreciative of the first responders and medical teams who worked feverishly to resolve the situation. Circumstances like these always remind us to review our emergency plan. Whether it be at your place of employment, school, day care or home, practice your emergency plan. Be prepared.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, please reach out for support. NAMI Maine has resources to assist. You can call or text 988 for options and support. The crisis line is 1-888-568-1112 and operates 24/7 with trained crisis clinicians.

Be well and hugs and kindness to all.

Becky Hapgood
Town Manager
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The Town Office and Public Works Dept. will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

The Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.



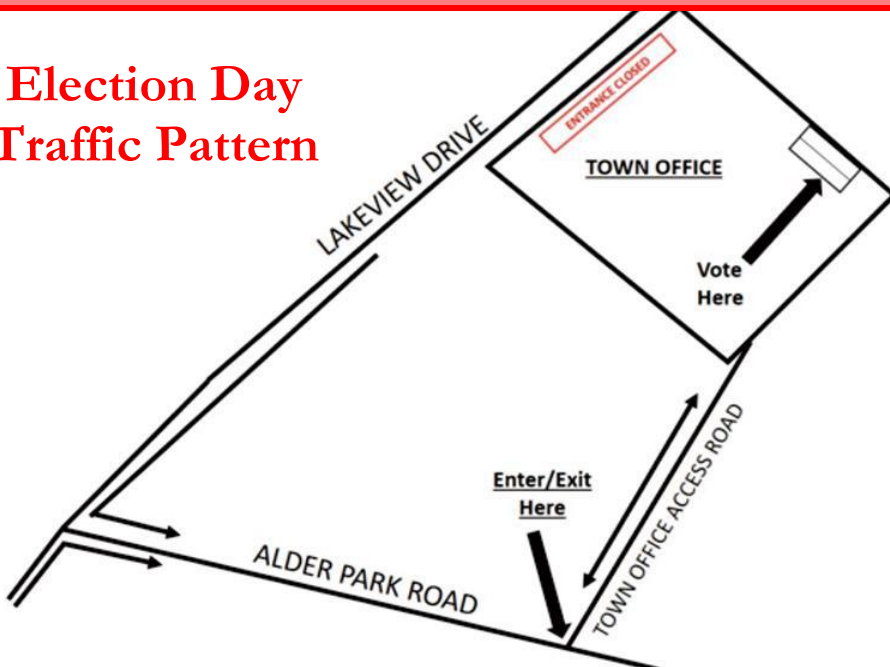
All Municipal Services will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving. The Town Office and Transfer Station WILL BE OPEN Saturday, November 25th.

The Town Office will be CLOSED to regular business services on Election Day, November 7, 2023. Please visit our web site www.china.govoffice.com for convenient online links to assist with re-registrations and tax payments.

Polling hours are Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.



Election Day Traffic Pattern



2024 Dog licenses are available! Dogs must be licensed by December 31st each year.

Male/Female - \$11
Spayed/Neutered - \$6

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



Beware of Scams!



Four signs that it's a scam

- Scammers often PRETEND members of your family need help.
- Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.
- Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.
- Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.



How to avoid a scam

- ✓ Do not give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.
- ✓ If you are asked by someone you do not know to purchase a gift card, it is most likely a scam.
- ✓ Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- ✓ Stop and talk to someone you trust.

Always report any potential scam to the Kennebec Sheriff's Office 623-3614 or Maine State Police 624-7076.

The South China Community Church offers a \$10 breakfast every 2nd Saturday of the month 8am-10:30am! Breakfast includes sausage and gravy with biscuits, bacon, eggs, pancakes, muffins, tater tots, fruit, pastries, coffee and juice.

246 Village Street, China
FMI call Diane at
207-399-6359



"Thank You for Your Service" Veteran Turkey Dinner

South China Legion Hall
79 Legion Memorial Drive, China

Thursday, November 8th at noon
Veterans + 1 guest are welcome!



Department of the Secretary of State Bureau of Motor Vehicles

New Title Law – Effective October 25, 2023

Vehicles that are 26 model years and older will be exempt from the requirement for a certificate of title.

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!

Question: Are there any plans to have a plan to control the installation of solar panels in China? And why don't we already have something in place?

Answer: The planning board has worked on a solar ordinance on a couple of occasions over the last 3 or 4 years. The thought was not to regulate small home solar arrays but regulate the size, location and removal plan of medium to large projects. The planning board is currently working on an ordinance again with hopes to present it to the voters in June of 2024.

Please remember the Town has the authority to control our ROWs for the purpose of draining water and cutting trees to provide safer roadsides, which are typically wider than the actual paved or gravel travel way.

From the Maine DOT website: "As the Pine Tree state, Maine is largely covered by trees and most of our 22,800+ miles of public roads have trees along them. Knowing that many motor vehicle fatalities and injuries occur when a vehicle leaves the road and hits a tree, the Maine DOT and municipalities have the authority to control their rights-of-way and provide safer roadsides. That translates into the laws related to trees within a road's right-of-way (which is typically wider than the actual paved or gravel travel way)."



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