



July 12, 2024

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Village Village Village Village

Where little villages come together

While training for my upcoming costume obstacle race on August 3rd during China Community Days, I made a new friend. Aspen (not her real name as we want to protect her identity) is also willing to complete a RTS (rigorous training schedule) as we individually prepare to be crowned champion of the race. Who else is in? Sign up with the town office and purchase your costume soon if you want to join us in sweltering temperatures inside your own inflatable costume in 80-degree heat while navigating marginally dangerous obstacles prepared by China's amazing public works team who are honestly and probably out to torture me. Sounds delightful, doesn't it! I can't wait!

I am pleased to hear so many of you look forward to reading the China Connected. I hope we provide you with the necessary information about our town along with a little bit of wit to bring a smile to your face and change your day. Across all departments, we continue to strive to be the best municipal government in the State. Your local government thrives on citizen involvement. Please take a moment to review the list of openings on China's boards and committees. We need a few more volunteers to help guide the town. Please consider volunteering a few hours each month.

Becky Hapgood
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Check out the new Town of China website!

chinamaine.org



Albert Church Brown
Memorial Library
Presents:



Saturday July 13th 10-12

35 Main Street
China, ME

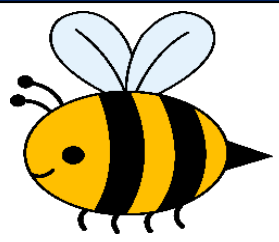
General Public Feedback Survey

Please fill out this brief survey so we can gain feedback on how we can help improve the Town of China! Just scan the QR code on your photos app or go to <https://forms.gle/FvuGiCNnudInqfVf8>



Have you ordered your E911 sign yet??

The Town of China is offering an E911 sign displaying your house number. Please contact the town office at 207-445-2014 X3 or info@chinamaine.org to order.



Congratulations to **Shawn Reed** who recently celebrated 25 years with the Town of China. Thank you for all you do!!

Volunteers needed to help at the Free-For-The-Taking Building at the China Transfer Station on Friday afternoons. Please text Karen Hatch if you are interested at 207-592-3095.

China Community Days

August 2-3-4, 2024

Program of Events



Bringing the community together

Thursday, August 1, 2024

China Community Forest - 8:30pm - Join us for a nice walk in the forest behind the China Primary School. Check our China Community Days Facebook page for more information.

Friday, August 2, 2024

Pickleball Tournament - Registration begins at 3:30pm at the China Middle School courts. Ages 16 and up. Prizes will be awarded. Call the Town Office at 445-2014 or email chinacommunitydays@gmail.com to sign up.

China Schools PTO 5K + Fun Run - 3:30pm at the China Primary School. This event is hosted by China Schools PTO. Please scan this QR Code or go to <https://facebook.com/events/s/china-schools-pto-5k-fun-run/7963025000384247/> for more information.



BBQ Cookoff - Judging begins at 5pm at China Ballfields between the Middle and Primary schools. Call the Town Office at 445-2014 or email chinacommunitydays@gmail.com to sign up. Meats will be provided. Prizes will be awarded.

Community BBQ - 5:30pm at China Ballfields. Food is cooked by the participants of the BBQ Cookoff. You can choose to have small samples of different meats or a bigger portion of one meat. Come to the Town Office or email chinacommunitydays@gmail.com to buy a ticket. \$5 per person, kids under 3 eat free.



Cornhole under the lights - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at China Ballfields Prizes will be awarded. Call the Town Office at 445-2014 or email chinacommunitydays@gmail.com to sign up.

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Community Organizations and Vendors - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Kids activities, bounce house, water slide, local organizations and vendors.

*10:00 a.m. to noon - Wes' Amazing Magic

*10:00 a.m. to noon - Mr. Drew & His Animals Too

*10:00 a.m. to noon - Party Palooga will be doing balloon twisting & glitter tattoos

*A list of participating organizations will be available on the Town of China's 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.



Denis Parlin has graciously provided his chain saw carved moose to raffle. Tickets are available at the Town Office and throughout the weekend. Drawing will be Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Scavenger Hunt finale.

Old Town Hall Museum - Open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 575 Lakeview Drive - Hosted by the China Historical Society.

Inflatable Costume Obstacle Course - 1:00 p.m. at China Ballfields. You must bring your own costume to participate. Compete for a chance to beat the Town Manager!!

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.



Prizes donated by: 32 General Store * Adams Realty * Advance Auto Parts * Auto Zone * Bob's Glass and More * Circle K * China Variety and Redemption * Courtney's Hotdogs * Diesel Dan's Auto Service * DR Auto * Freddie's Service Center * Greg's Place * Joseph's Market * KC's Auto * Lakeview Lumber * Luke's Hobby Auto Shop * Maine Boat Rental * MA Haskell Fuel Company * N/KE Seafood & Grill * New England Imports * North Country Harley Davidson * O'Reilly Auto Parts * Roddy's Redemption * Snap-on Tools * Sonlight Creations * The Landing * Tobey's Grocery * Vassalboro Car Care * Whitt's Garment Works * Wildwood Inc

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

Saturday Evening

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



Cardboard Boat Regatta - Registration begins at 3:00 p.m., Pre-race judging begins at 3:15pm, and races begin at 4:00 p.m. Causeway Road beside the China Baptist Church Park. Hosted by the China Lake Association - Please use this QR Code to register or visit www.chinalakeassociation.org/Regatta. For more information contact the China Lake Association.



Street Dance - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - China Baptist Church parking lot. featuring Papa Tim and the Whiskey Throttle Band! Join us for music and fun! The China 4 Seasons Club will be selling glow items!

Free Carnival on the Causeway - 4:00pm - 8:00pm - Central Church will be providing free hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, and family friendly games before and during the street dance.



*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 shot from the vicinity of 1st Fire Road)

*Thank you to Judi Gilman for the use of your property for the fireworks display.

Sunday, August 4, 2024

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

Nazarene Church Service - 8 a.m. - China Ballfields - Check our China Community Days Facebook page for more information.

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. Prizes will be awarded.

Boat Parade - The parade will be led to the Causeway area for judging at 11:00a.m. Prizes will be awarded. Register at chinacommunitydays@gmail.com. Check China Community Days Facebook for more information.

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 with 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. Prizes will be awarded.

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's 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 chinacommunitydays@gmail.com.

All events (except for the fireworks) will be held rain or shine.
Rain date for the fireworks is Sunday, August 4, 2024