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Press Release (For Immediate Release)

Town of Richmond now on Facebook and Twitter

Town uses social media to reach citizens

The Town of Richmond is now on Facebook and Twitter. The accounts were established to improve communication with town residents and to help maintain a more transparent government. The Twitter and Facebook accounts will help ensure that important information is relayed to local residents about a variety of matters almost instantaneously. "Whether the issue pertains to information regarding council meetings or other meetings of government bodies, weather updates, local event details or approaching deadlines, it is imperative that the Town reaches its citizens to keep them informed," said Richmond Town Council President B. Joe Reddish, III. The new social media accounts further the Town's efforts to become more efficient by keeping the citizenry informed.

In October the Town rolled out its new website that offers visitors a chance to keep up with Town business. The Town has also used its CodeRed system to notify residents about important matters by phone and text message. "Technology offers many ways to keep people informed and we want to utilize as many as we can to keep up with the times. There is no reason why we, as town leaders, shouldn't do all we can to make government more transparent and accountable for the residents it serves," added Town Council Vice President Henry Oppenheimer.

Over the course of the last two months, Facebook and Twitter posts have included updates on free flu clinics, weather announcements, road closures, emergency management updates and Chariho school events.

All residents are invited to "Like" our Richmond, RI – Town Government Facebook page to receive instant updates and to follow the Town on Twitter @Richmond_RI.

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