

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

SUMMER 2016

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President's Letter

After several false starts, I think it's safe to say spring is here! Just a reminder that Prairieland Disposal has added free curbside yard waste pickup to our service. They'll pick up 2 bags weekly with the regular waste pickup. Additional bags will be picked up with a sticker attached. Stickers are \$2.80 per bag, and may be purchased at Village Hall or Richmond Ace Hardware. Please do not use plastic bags for yard waste. Paper yard waste bags are also available at Ace and many other retailers.

We are excited to see a number of new businesses choosing Richmond as their home this year. In the downtown area, check out Finery and Finishes, Seamstress for the Band, Panino's, Main Street Coffee, Revived Creations, Medina Cars and Robokor Design. Also watch for AEON Gallery and Arkane Tattoo. South of town, check out the weekend flea market at Gardner's Corner. Gigi's Place video gaming is under construction at Main and Kenosha. Kiddy Corner is moving to their new location next to Shell. Please support our local businesses. Their tax revenues support your community!

May is the beginning of our fiscal year, and the Village Board has just adopted a new budget. This (balanced) budget provides for continuing operations and includes a number of infrastructure repairs, most notably to some downtown sidewalks and the front steps of Memorial Hall.



Chief Cetrangolo's Report

Summer Safety

With summer approaching remember these precautionary tips to keep yourself and your family safe:

Distracted Driving

Too many people are killed and injured each year by distracted drivers. Talking on a handheld cell phone quadruples your risk of an accident (and is illegal in Illinois). That risk doubles if you're texting.

Dangers of Extreme Heat

Heat illnesses can be deadly. In extreme heat situations, your body's temperature control system can't keep up. When this happens, your body temperature gets dangerously high. As a result, you're at greater risk of serious heat illness, such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and sunburn.

How to Protect Yourself:

***STAY COOL** – Stay inside, in air-conditioning if you can, or in a cool place such as basements. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

***STAY HYDRATED** - Drink more water than usual, especially if exercising or outdoors. Be proactive, don't wait until you're thirsty.

*** NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN, OR PETS IN A PARKED VEHICLE.** Just don't do it. The sun can turn a vehicle into an oven within minutes, even if it doesn't feel that hot outside.

***HELP YOUR PETS KEEP THEIR COOL** – It will feel as hot for them as it is for you. Be sure your animals have access to shade and a water bowl full of clean, cold water. Dogs don't tolerate heat well because they don't sweat. During summer heat, avoid outdoor games or jogging with your pet. If you wouldn't walk across hot asphalt barefoot, don't make your dog walk on it either. (Dogs can get blisters on their paws from hot pavement.)

Please remember the Richmond Police Department is always here for you. Have a fun and safe summer and stay cool!

Village President
Peter Koenig

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- **Board Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm at Village Hall.
- **Finance Committee Meetings** are held on the Tuesday preceding each Board Meeting @ 4:00pm at Village Hall.
- **Community Development Committee Meetings** are held on the Tuesday preceding each Board Meeting @ 5:30pm at Village hall.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Village Hall Closed

Monday May 30th
Memorial Day
&
Monday July 4th

Just a couple friendly reminders...

Our office hours are Monday-Friday 9am-4pm which can be difficult for working residents to get here during that time. Our website, www.richmond-il.com provides E-Pay services which allows for the payment processing for utility bills, vehicle sticker registration, business registration and citations. We also have a drop/suggestion box located to the left of the Village Hall front doors. Anything dropped in the drop/suggestion box will be processed the morning of the following business day. Many residents also use the postal service to mail in payments for utility bills. As much as the Village of Richmond tries to accommodate residents and business owners with Village related business, we realize there may be situations that need to be conducted over the phone instead of in person. Please call the Village Hall office if you have additional questions .

Richmond/Spring Grove Food Pantry Relocation

Donations are being accepted at the new location of our local Food Panty

5512 May Ave.

Richmond, IL 60071

Please know all donations are greatly appreciated!

Donations are also accepted at Village Hall.

~ *Please attend* the American Legion Memorial Day celebration Monday May 30th
@ Steven Park 10:30am-12:00pm~

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need a permit for a pool?

Yes, permits are required for any temporary or permanent pool holding 24" of water or more. Call Village Hall for details!

Where can I find the regulations for burning in the Village?

Burning regulations can be found on our website: www.richmond-il.com click on News .

Is there a nuisance ordinance for noxious weeds?

Yes, Village ordinance states noxious weeds over 8" in height may be cited for violation against ordinance.

Where can I find my plat of survey?

A Plat of Survey is a map drawn to scale typically showing property lines, easements, right-of-ways, improvements on the property with dimensions to the property lines, and the legal description. Legal surveys are signed and sealed by an Illinois registered professional land surveyor. Surveys are usually requested by banks, realtors, attorneys and title companies prior to closing on a property, and assures the buyer they are getting what the seller is representing. Surveys can also be useful when planning improvements to your property. If you are planning to construct a deck, fence, shed or other structure on your property, a survey may be needed as part of the permit process. If you cannot find a copy of your plat of survey, we suggest you check your closing documents, or contact your mortgage holder or attorney.

Our Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village during spring and summer months. Signs will be posted prior to flushing. Village brush pick-up, weather permitting, will occur 3rd Thursday each month thru November.

Clerks Corner

By Karla Thomas

Many of you may not be aware, but the Village of Richmond was gifted Memorial Hall by Charles D. McConnell in his will dated September of 1903. Memorial Hall is located downtown at 10308 Main Street and has served the community in many ways, such as Richmond Village Hall and Police Department, Nippersink Library, Richmond Food Pantry, Richmond/Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce office, Health Screenings, Theater productions and Christmas of Yesteryear.

This building is available to rent for events such as Birthday Parties, Weddings, Anniversary Parties, Baby/Wedding Showers, Family Reunions, Classes, Company Christmas Parties, Meetings, Music Performances, Theater Productions, the use can vary. If you have an interest in renting Memorial Hall, please contact Village Clerk Karla Thomas at (815) 678-4040 x-103 or via email at:

villageclerk@richmond-il.com.