

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

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President's Letter

A news story about unsafe city water has gotten considerable attention recently. Richmond's water supply comes from two wells. Water is filtered, treated and fluoridated as it is pumped from the ground. Water samples are taken daily from various locations in the village for testing. Monthly monitoring by an independent laboratory verifies that the Village of Richmond is adequately providing safe water! Results of these tests are available from Village Hall or by visiting our website www.richmond-il.com. Our 2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report can be found under the "News" tab.

On the subject of water, our system supplies fire hydrants throughout the village. During winter months, please make sure that snow is not obstructing firefighter access to hydrants. Piling snow on or near a hydrant can cost valuable time in an emergency.



CHIEF CETRANGOLO'S REPORT

Stay Alert for Scam IRS Phone Calls

There has been another surge of IRS scam phone calls lately. Criminals pose as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

Scammers make unsolicited calls. Thieves call claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.

- Callers try to scare their victims. Many of these phone scammers threaten and intimidate their victim's into paying. They threaten with fake arrest warrants or to revoke the driver's license of their victim if they don't get the money.
- Lately, scammers have been using caller ID spoofing. Scammers are now altering their caller ID to make it look like they are calling from the IRS or another law enforcement agency (including the Richmond Police Department). The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.
- Cons try new tricks all the time. Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make their ruse look official.

Remember the IRS will not:

- Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.

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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

Third Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm

Village Hall Closed

Good Friday

Friday March 25th

Memorial Day

Monday May 30th

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Remember the IRS will not::

- Demand that you pay taxes immediately and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card, iTunes cards, off shore wire transfer, or other nontraditional methods of payment.
- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to have local police or other agencies arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.

Contact the Treasury Inspector General at 800-366-4484, to report the call or use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page.

Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may legitimately owe taxes:

Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. An IRS workers will help you.

The Village of Richmond would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest businesses!

We thank you for your belief to succeed lies in our community!

~Vivid Hair & Make-Up Studio~ ~Panino's Italian Sandwiches & Crab Shack~ ~Hot Slots Getaway~

~Revived Creations~ ~Finery & Finishes~ ~Seamstress For The Band~ ~Robokor Designs~

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Enrollment is now open for our next Citizens Police Academy Class!

Our next Citizens Police Academy Class will start April 13, 2016. This free and informative 12 week program meets on Wednesday's from 6-9PM, class is open to any one that lives or works in Richmond or the surrounding communities and provides participants with a unique hands on and behind the scenes overview of the day to day responsibilities and activities of police departments.

Applications are available on the Village's web site, and can also be picked up at the Village Hall.

The CPA is also a great way to get to know members of the police department, your neighbors, and other community members and make new friends. Optional opportunities to get involved in volunteer activities within our community are also available through the Richmond Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association which has a vibrant and ever growing membership.

Clerks' Corner

Reminder: The Village of Richmond has three containers in the front vestibule at the Village Hall for the recycling of shoes, Christmas lights and sharp needle disposal. These recycling programs run year round. Additionally, the Village is a drop-off location for donations to the Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry. A large box is located inside the main hall; all donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank YOU's: As coordinator of the Christmas of Yesteryear event, I would like to thank all the businesses, families, and the volunteers for your generous contributions of money, merchandise and time. It is through joint efforts that events are successful. So I wish to extend my sincerest THANKS!

New Community Service Coming: Beginning March 1, 2016, I will be providing voter's registration at the Village Hall, Monday-Friday 9 AM to 4 PM. Please call first to make sure I am in the office and to make sure you bring with you the appropriate identifications. I can be reached at (815) 678-4040 x-103.

**Help Starts Here!
Call 2-1-1**

McHenry County
Health and Human Service
Information and Referral Line
www.findhelp211.org

800-570-7284 or 309-827-4005

United Way 2-1-1 provides a free and easy way for everyone to access help with almost any challenge. Dialing 2-1-1 from any phone will connect you to a call center that will direct you to an appropriate social service agency or nonprofit organization.



Now Announcing Extended Hours!

The Village of Richmond office will be open the 3rd Tuesday of each month until 7:00pm to help better serve our residents and business owners. The extended hours will be on a trial basis for the next 3 consecutive months. All services that are offered during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 9am-4pm) will be available during extended hours.