



Village of Richmond



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CHRISTMAS OF YESTERYEAR

Christmas of Yesteryear Schedule:

Please come out to help us celebrate our Village's Christmas of Yesteryear events and get in the Holiday Spirit!!

This year's Village of Richmond's Christmas of Yesteryear will begin on Friday, December 2nd with Santa arriving on the Richmond Fire Dept. Antique Fire Engine at 6:30 PM for the annual tree lighting at Steven's Park in downtown Richmond. Immediately following at Memorial Hall (10308 Main Street) Santa will present each child with a stocking full of goodies and parents can take photos. Santa's elves will assist children in make a Christmas ornament, while parents can partake in a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry, a merchandise raffle, and silent auction of a handmade crocheted afghan to benefit the Memorial Hall Restoration Fund. Coffee, Cocoa and bottled water will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, December 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Memorial Hall will be the famous St. Joseph's Cookie Walk, Crafters, and 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry. The merchandise raffle and silent auction of a handmade crocheted afghan to benefit the Memorial Hall Restoration Fund will continue. Coffee, Cocoa and bottled water will be available for purchase. At 10:00 AM the "Origin of Santa" will be told by Joseph Steele, 11:00 AM Ballet Performances by the students of the Broadway Academy of Art and Dance South will begin and take place through the day. There will be photo opportunities with Father Christmas as he strolls through downtown Richmond on Broadway from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, so bring your camera or smart phones. Two free Hayrides with narrated Historical House Tour will take place at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM with an offering for the Community Food Pantry. Pickup will take place at the Municipal Parking Lot (Weather Permitting). Additionally, the Richmond Grade School PTO Holiday Shop will be open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the RGS Cafeteria located at 5815 Broadway with Richmond Brownie's Troop#1270 holding a bake sale.

And to round off the Festive Holiday Weekend, on Sunday, December 4th the Richmond Fire Dept. will host their annual Pancake Breakfast and Visit from Santa from 9:00 AM to Noon.

Village President

Peter Koenig

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- **Board Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm in the 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

**Thursday Nov 24th
Friday Nov 25th**

**Holiday Hours
Friday Dec 23th
9am-12pm**

**Closed Monday December 26th
Closed Monday January 2nd**



Chief Cetrangolo's Report

With fall & winter fast approaching, remember to use extra caution as weather will cause road conditions to deteriorate.

The following are a few safety tips motorists should keep in mind during the fall/winter months:

- * Remember that wet leaves can be just as dangerous as ice on pavement.
- * Watch for children, especially now that the sun sets earlier.
- * Watch for motorcycles.
- * Plan ahead and check the forecast to determine if a trip is necessary when weather is poor.
- * Don't crowd snow plows. Snowplow drivers need room to operate and they may not be able to see your vehicle on the road.
- * Be aware of black ice. Roads appearing clear may be treacherous especially intersections, bridges, and shady areas.
- * Keep your gas tank full, fuel lines can freeze when tanks are less than two-thirds full.
- * Dress appropriately and always be prepared for unexpected winter weather.
- * Make someone aware of your travel plans and carry fully charged cell phone.
- * Keep an emergency road kit in your car. It should include jumper cables, flares, windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit.
- * Always buckle up. If an accident occurs, a safety belt can save your life.

We want everyone to be safe and prepared for the upcoming fall/winter driving seasons. Nasty weather can, and will occur and we all need to be ready for it. If every driver slows down, wears their seat belt, and gives themselves extra time, they have a much better chance of making it through the winter without an accident.

Memorial Hall Available for Use:

Memorial Hall located at 10308 Main Street in Richmond was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 19, 1993 by the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency. It has served as the Village's Police Station, Office of the Village Clerk, Library, Church and School functions, Theater Productions and various other uses.

Please contact me if you are looking for a venue to hold a Birthday Party, Baby or Wedding Shower, Music Performance or other Special event, why not consider renting this historic building. If you would be interested in additional information, I can be contacted at (815) 678-4040 x-103 or via email at villageclerk@richmond-il.com.

Village Board Election Information:

Petitions began circulating on September 20th for (1) Village President 4-Year Term, (3) Village Trustee 4-Year Term and (1) Village Trustee 2-Year Term positions. Nominating petitions need to be filed with the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk during the week of December 12-19, 2016 in the Village Clerk's Office. The last day to file an objection to nominating petitions is December 27th. The last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write in candidate is February 2, 2017. If you require further information regarding the election procedures, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov.

The Consolidated Election takes place April 4, 2017.

Polling Locations: Polls Open 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day Tuesday April 4th, 2017. Get out and Vote!

Precinct#1-Nippersink District Library-Precinct#2-Kensington Manor Community Room-Precinct#3-Grace Lutheran Church-Precinct#4-Kensington Manor Community Room

Check your voter's registration card to determine which precinct you should vote at or contact the Village Clerk at (815) 678-4040 x-103.

The Village of Richmond would like to extend our sincere appreciation to The Richmond Spring Grove Rotary for repair work on the roof at Bennett Park!
THANK YOU!!



~Message from Public Works~

No parking on village streets or designated snow routes when snow accumulation is 2 inches or more or until snow removal efforts are complete.

Last Village Brush Pick up Thursday November 17th!!

Please remember to keep our fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter months to help assist in an emergency!

The Village of Richmond has become an "official" drop-spot for our **Community Food Pantry**. The Food Pantry is ALWAYS in need and now the Village will be a year-round drop-spot. Please bring your food, non-food donations, or monetary donations (checks payable to Community Food Pantry) to the Village Hall Monday thru Friday during normal business hours, or during any official Village Board or Committee meeting time.

Reminder from Prairieland Disposal

- Holidays that fall on regularly scheduled pick-up day, service will be delayed 1 day.
- Holiday light recycling will be available year round at the Village Hall. Any Christmas light with a cord is acceptable!
- Christmas Tree Pick-up will be first 2 weeks immediately following Christmas on your pick up day.

Happy Holidays!!