

Village of Richmond

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Now that the holidays are behind us and New Year's resolutions still fresh in our minds, I thought it would be appropriate to give a quick review of the Village's 2017 calendar year accomplishments and projections for calendar 2018.

In 2017 the main office was re-aligned to provide greater efficiency and resident privacy. There were four community events with a total attendance in excess of 1000 individuals. Resident communications were improved through increased E-blasts and Nixle alerts. In conjunction with Richmond Township a new tornado siren was erected in the Southern part of the Village. Richmond residents may now take advantage of the McRide transportation program effective January 1st. (Please see backside for further information). The Board approved a flat levy for the 3rd time in the past 5 years as well as a zero water rate increase for the 3rd consecutive year. While 4 businesses departed, 11 new business came into the Village with an expectation of at least 3 additional in 2018.

Public Works supervised the installation of 460 linear feet of new sidewalks and over 5,100 square yards of asphalt work resulting in approximately 25% of the street budget. A new line striper was purchased and over 17,500 linear feet was painted on the roads through-out the village. A new pedestrian crossing signal was installed at Broadway and Rt. 12. Over 55 diseased trees were removed and replaced within Sunset Ridge. Seven water main breaks were repaired and 340 linear feet of new main was installed on George Street.

Within our police department the most noticeable were the hiring of 2 new full-time officers and 2 part time officers. Two new cars were purchased to replace high mile vehicles. In May the Village hired a Code Enforcement Officer to insure uniformity in applying the Village Codes. Finally, mandated police officer compliance training has been completed 1 year ahead of schedule.

While no one has a crystal ball to tell the future I am excited to say we are planning the same aggressive approach in 2018. There are plans for completing the installation of new sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 12 between Broadway and Mill streets. Other areas are being ear marked for street improvements. The Village is currently in discussions with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to secure new terms and conditions on our loan for the waste water treatment plant. Further, a meeting has already been held with the Illinois Department of Transportation to secure an agreement on 2 to 3 local projects aimed at improving traffic flow through the Village including weekends May through September. A minimum of 5 community events are being discussed with the first one to be held in April at Memorial Hall. More information will be coming shortly.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that effective January 22, the office hours at the Village Hall have been expanded to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to better serve our early rising residents.

~If you haven't done so already, please visit our website to sign up for Nixle alerts and our E-News Blast!~

**Village President
Craig Kunz**

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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 at 5:00pm Mondays preceding the 1st Board Meeting of the month at Village Hall.
- **Community Development Committee Meetings** are held at 5:30pm Tuesdays preceding the 2nd Board Meeting at Village Hall.
- Check Village Website for details

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:00pm

Village Hall Closed

Good Friday

March 30th

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28th



Chief Cetrangolo's Report

Driving for Winter Conditions~

As you drive during the winter season, it's very important to know that speed limits are meant for dry roads, not roads covered in snow and ice. Always reduce your speed and increase your following distance as road conditions worsen. If you're unsure whether it's safe to drive, consider waiting until the roads improve.

Car Emergency Kit List~

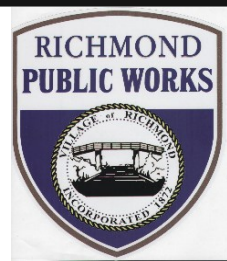
- Flashlight, plus batteries
- Jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Bottled water
- Multi-tool (swiss army knife)
- Gloves
- Jack and lug wrench to change tire (check spare tire)
- Duct tape
- Nonperishable high-energy foods (granola bars, raisins, peanut butter)
- Cell phone charger

Village of Richmond Residents and Businesses...

If any emergency arises in the Village after regular office hours and you need to get in touch with public works...

Please dial 815-298-1934 .

You will be connected with the on-call employee.



New Prairieland Disposal Rates effective March 1, 2018

Monthly Cost Per Household	\$19.48
Monthly cost Per Senior Citizen 35 gal Garbage and Recycling Toter	\$18.01
Monthly cost Per Senior Citizen 65 gal Garbage and Recycling Toter	\$18.04
Monthly cost Per Senior Citizen 95 gal Garbage and Recycling Toter	\$18.57
2 Yard Waste Bags at curbside FREE, add'l bags	\$3.00
Landscape Seasonal (per household)	\$170.00
Additional Recycling Toter Rental	\$2.50
White Goods and Additional Bulk Items-Per item	\$35.00

Two important dates not to miss....

Thursday, April 5th~ Prairieland Disposal will perform Village curbside E-Scrap (Electronic) pick up.

***Please Note that only two (2) televisions or two (2) monitors are permitted per household (or combination thereof).**

Friday, May 25th~ Prairieland Disposal will perform Village wide Spring Leaf Vacuuming.

~Mark your calendars and please have electronic items and leaves curbside the night prior to scheduled pick up.

Items placed at curb the day of pickup may not be removed if truck has passed you by!

DON'T WAIT!

Watch for Fall Leaf Vacuuming dates in future Newsletters!



What is McRide?

As a dial-a-ride program, McRide service is "on-demand" and buses do not travel in a fixed route each day. Riders schedule their trips in advance and vehicle provides curb-to-curb service.

Visit Village website
www.richmond-il.com
McHenry County website
www.mchenrycountydor.org
Call 1-815-334-4981 for more information. To schedule a ride call 1-800-451-4599 or

Just a couple more items...

Vehicle Sticker registration cards will be mailed mid March and go on sale March 26th, 2018! Must be displayed by May 1st. Late fee of \$6.00 charged effective May 2nd, 2018! Cars and Trucks \$20.00. Motorcycles \$10.00 Senior Discount \$5.00. Disabled Discount \$5.00 WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

Visit Village Hall during regular business hours to purchase or visit www.richmond-il.com.

BUSINESS OWNERS: Business Registration renewal letters will be mailed 1st week of March!

Don't miss May 1st deadline!!