



Village of Richmond



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President's Letter

Fellow Residents:

Summer has come and gone as we are well into the middle of the fall season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and winter is just 7 weeks away. Entering this time of year signals the end of the Public Works' construction season. We are happy to announce the completion of many public works projects such as the repairing of sidewalks on Rt. 12 in the downtown area, as well as, other locations in the Village. Additionally, over \$50,000 was spent on road repairs this fiscal year.

While the construction season has come to an end, Public Works has made preparations for the winter months with the ordering of road salt, maintaining equipment for snow plowing and starting maintenance of equipment for next spring and summer.

The police department announced in September the promotion of Officer Jennifer Fillicaro to the position of Sergeant. Officer Fillicaro has been with the Richmond Police department since October 2015 in both part-time and full-time capacities. Please join me in congratulating Officer Fillicaro on her promotion and thank her and all the other Richmond Police officers for the excellent job they perform on a daily basis keeping us safe and out of harms way.

Just a quick reminder to please join the American Legion Post 253 and the Village on November 10th @ 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall for our Veteran's Day observance. Also, please save the dates of December 7th, 8th and 9th for our annual CHRISTMAS OF YESTERDAY CELEBRATION at Steven's Park and Memorial Hall

In closing, on behalf of my wife and I and the entire Richmond Municipal staff, I want to wish each and every resident a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A VERY MERRY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Village President

Craig Kunz

TRUSTEES

DENNIS BARDY
BOB ELLIOTT
TJ FULMER
FRANK PEILER
RAMSIN WARDANIAN

KARLA THOMAS-VILLAGE CLERK

- **Board Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm in the 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 of the month at Village Hall.
- Check Village Website for dates.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Village Hall Closed

Thursday, Nov 22nd
Friday, Nov 23rd
Monday, Dec 24th
Tuesday, Dec 25th

Closed Tuesday, January 1st



Chief Cetrangolo's Report

With fall in the air & 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.

CHRISTMAS OF YESTERYEAR— Dec 7th, 8th & 9th

Join us by celebrating the Village of Richmond's Christmas of Yesteryear events and get in the Festive Holiday Spirit!!

Christmas of Yesteryear will begin on Friday, December 7th with caroling beginning at the Stevens Park Gazebo at 6:00 PM. The Annual Tree Lighting will take place at 6:30 PM at Stevens Park with Santa arriving on the Richmond Fire Dept. Antique Fire Engine. Immediately following at Memorial Hall (10308 Main St.) Santa will present each child with a stocking full of goodies and parents can take photos. Santa's elves will assist children in making a Christmas ornament and provide face painting, while parents can partake in a Silent Auction to benefit the Richmond Community Food Pantry (Winners will be contacted). Coffee, Cocoa, Tea and bottled water will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, December 8th beginning at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Memorial Hall will be the famous St. Joseph's Cookie Walk and Silent Auction to benefit the Richmond Community Food Pantry will continue (Winners will be contacted). Coffee, Cocoa, Tea and bottled water will be available for purchase. At 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM Dance students from the Broadway Academy of Art and Dance will perform 20 to 30 minutes. Located at Finery & Finishes on Broadway (5613 Broadway St.) at 11 AM, a reading of the "Night Before Christmas" will take place. Two free Hayrides with narrated Historical House Tour, will take place at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM with a donation of a non-perishable item for the Community Food Pantry. Pickup will take place in front of Richmond Community Church located at 5714 Broadway St. (Weather Permitting). Meanwhile, Girl Scouts will be caroling throughout the Village from 10 AM to 2 PM. 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. At 7:00 PM there will be an outdoor showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" on the north side of Richmond Brathaus, dress appropriately and bring your own sitting.

And to round off the Festive Holiday Weekend, on Sunday, December 9th the Richmond Fire Dept. will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Visit from Santa from 9:00 AM to Noon at Memorial Hall (10308 Main St.).

Doyle's Pub is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit PADS from November to mid-December. Doyle's is located at 5604 Mill Street. Please stop in and participate by helping others this Holiday Season!

Check for additional activities still in the works by visiting the McHenry County Visitors Bureau Website, the Richmond Village Website and Christmas of Yesteryear Posters and Flyers to be placed throughout the Villages of Richmond, especially at the banks, post office and library.

Historic Memorial Hall Available for Use:

Hosting a Birthday Party, Baby or Bridal Shower or other special event, consider using Richmond's Memorial Hall located at 10308 Main Street in Richmond's Downtown Historic District. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 19, 1993 by the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency. It has served the Village as its Police Station, Office of the Village Clerk, Library, School functions, Theater Productions, Chamber of Commerce Office, Food Pantry and various other uses.

Please contact Village Clerk Karla Thomas at (815) 678-4161 or via email at villageclerk@richmond-il.com if you are looking for a venue, rates are reasonable.

*The Village of Richmond is deeply saddened to announce the passing of David Nelson, age 51 on September 28th, 2018. Mr. Nelson was elected as Village of Richmond Trustee in April 2015. David is survived by his wife Judith; a daughter, Audrey Nelson; a son, Daniel Nelson; his mother Irma Penner; a sister Kathleen Nelson; two grandchildren and two step daughters, Christy Minor and Jennifer Coons. **Our most sincere condolences~The Village of Richmond***



Village Hall now has a donation bin for unserviceable flags. Our thanks to Judy Newcomb who serves as Quartermaster for our local VFW. Drop flags during our normal business hours to be assured your flag will receive a deserving ceremony with dignity and respect.

~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 16th!!

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

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!!

Village Board Election Info:

Petitions for the Consolidated Election began circulating on September 18th and can be pickup in the Village Clerk's Office located at the Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive. The following positions are up for election:

(3) Village Trustee (4-Year Term)

Nominating petitions need to be filed with the Village Clerk during the week of December 10-17, 2018 in the Village Clerk's Office. The last day to file an objection to nominating petitions is December 26th. The last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is January 31, 2019.

If you require further information regarding the election procedures, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov. Consolidated Election takes place April 2, 2019.

Precinct Polling Locations:

RIC#1 is Nippersink Library 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 5418 Hill Rd. Richmond

RIC #2 is Spring Grove Village Hall, 7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove

RIC#3 is Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Broadway St., Richmond

RIC#4 is Spring Grove Village Hall, 7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove

Check your voter's registration card to determine which precinct you should vote at or call the Village Clerk at (815) 678-4161 M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm.