



# Village of Richmond Newsletter

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## 49TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OF YESTERYEAR-DEC 6TH, 7TH & 8TH

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 6th with caroling 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 with festive photo opportunities. 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 Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday, December 7th beginning at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Memorial Hall will be the famous St. Joseph's Cookie Walk and Poinsettia Sale. 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 minute segments. 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 Memorial Hall this year (Weather Permitting). Meanwhile, Girl Scouts will be caroling throughout the downtown area from 10 AM to 2 PM. At 7:00 PM there will be an outdoor showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" on E. Broadway hosted by Finery & Finishes and Richmond Brathaus, dress appropriately and bring your own seating.

Additionally, on Saturday, Anderson's Candy will be hosting Santa from 2:00-5:00 PM. Please bring your cameras for a great photo opportunity. The Nippersink Library will be hosting a Family Story Hour at 10:00 AM and a Holiday Party from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

On Sunday, December 8th the Richmond Fire Dept. will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Visit from Santa from 9:00 AM to Noon at Memorial Hall.

Doyle's Pub is hosting a "Giving Tree" to benefit PADS from November to mid-December and Anderson's Candy is hosting the Feed 33 Food Drive. Please stop in and participate by helping others this Holiday Season!



## 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.

Village President  
Craig Kunz

### TRUSTEES

DENNIS BARDY  
BOB ELLIOTT  
TJ FULMER  
GINA GARBIS  
FRANK PEILER  
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 4:00pm Mondays preceding Board Meetings 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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Richmond, IL 60071  
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### Office Hours

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

### Village Hall Closed

Thursday, Nov 28th  
Friday, Nov 29th  
Tuesday, Dec 24th  
Wednesday, Dec 25th

Closed Wednesday, January 1st

## Calendar of Events

- ◆ Friday, November 8th ~ Leaf Vacuuming/Place leaves curbside
- ◆ Sunday, November 10th ~ Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Hall 1:00pm
  - ◆ Thursday, November 21st ~ Final Brush Pick Up (weather permitting)
  - ◆ Thursday, November 21st ~ Family Reading Night at Nippersink Library
  - ◆ Friday, November 22nd ~ Final Leaf Vacuuming/Place leaves curbside
    - ◆ Thursday and Friday, November 28th-29th ~ Office Closed
- ◆ Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 6th-8th ~ 49th Annual Christmas of Yesteryear (see front)
  - ◆ Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th-25th ~ Office Closed
    - ◆ Wednesday, January 1st ~ Office Closed
- ◆ Thursday, January 2nd ~ Christmas Tree Pick Up (place trees curbside evening prior)
- ◆ Thursday, January 9th ~ Christmas Tree Pick Up (place trees curbside evening prior)

### VILLAGE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW!

- Utility Bill Direct Pay makes bill paying easier and more convenient. Payments automatically deducted from your checking or savings account and credited to your water account on the bill's due date. **NO MORE LATE FEES!**
- Free Nixle service allows you to get: weather alerts, critical public safety emergency notifications and advisory alerts!
- Vacation watch request are processed through our online portal through Frontline Public Safety Solutions. All information is securely transmitted to the Richmond Police Department.

ALL FOUND ON OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE: [www.richmond-il.com](http://www.richmond-il.com)

### 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](mailto:villageclerk@richmond-il.com) if you are looking for a venue, rates are reasonable.

*The Village of Richmond would like to congratulate Tim Koenig as being named Public Works Crew Leader. Tim was hired by the Village in 2009 part time, transitioned to full time in 2013 and has earned his advancement to Crew Leader. Thank you Tim for your dedicated service!*

*Welcome to our newest public works employees, Dan Diperna, Bob Birdsell and Jeremy Lennon.*



Village Hall 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 21st!

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!!

Please join The Village of Richmond and American Legion Post 253 to honor all who have served this Veterans Day.

The Ceremony will begin at 1PM in Memorial Hall located at 10308 Main St., Richmond on November 10, 2019.

Followed by a free spaghetti dinner (from 2-4pm) generously donated by Rosati's Pizza with bread from Angelo's Fresh Market and dessert provided by the Village!

Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Richmond-Spring Grove Pantry.

For more info please visit [richmond-il.com](http://richmond-il.com) or call 815-678-4040