



# Village of Richmond Newsletter

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## Village President

Dear Fellow Residents:

I sincerely hope each of you had a very happy holiday season. I believe most of you would agree that this winter has been a mild one so far and hopefully spring is just around the corner. While we have entered a new year the Village still has 3 months remaining in its fiscal year. This coming fiscal year starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, will bring some very unique economic challenges for the Village. One such challenge is the repair and painting of both functioning water towers. It has been in excess of 20 years since any major preventive maintenance work was done on these towers and it is becoming visually apparent work needs to be done for structural integrity. Shortly, Village Board will be seeking contractor quotes to complete the renovation. Generally, restoration cost of water towers the approximate size of Richmond's, would be in excess of \$250,000 each.

On another matter, I wish to inform you that last October, Mr. Ram Wardanian resigned from the elected position of Village Trustee. Also, on January 27, 2020, Mr. Dennis Bardy submitted his resignation from the position of Trustee. I would like to take this time to thank both Ram and Dennis for their dedication, time and efforts in performing the responsibilities of Village Trustee. Both individuals independently served as Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Mr. Wardanian served on the Board in excess of 7 years and Mr. Bardy for over 14 years. Please join me in wishing them all the success in their future endeavors.

I am very pleased to announce that on December 5, 2019, the Village Board unanimously approved the recommended appointment of Mrs. Toni Wardanian as Village Trustee until the next scheduled election in April 2021. Toni brings a wealth of real estate knowledge to the Board having been an agent for 17 years. Further, most Sunset Ridge residents know her as the individual who single handedly decorates each home in the sub-division with an American Flag each 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please join me in thanking Toni in her acceptance of this important position in serving the residents of our community.

As a reminder the Village will once again be hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration on February 29th and a "Retro" night on April 18<sup>th</sup>, with free admission for all. Be on the lookout for more information on these two upcoming events.

In closing, I wish each of you a healthy, safe and prosperous new year.

**Village President  
Craig Kunz**

## TRUSTEES

BOB ELLIOTT  
TJ FULMER  
GINA GARBIS  
FRANK PEILER  
TONI 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 5:30pm 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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### Office Hours

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

### Village Hall Closed

Friday, April 10th  
Good Friday

Monday, May 25th  
Memorial Day

## Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Wednesday, February 19th**~Rotary Spaghetti Dinner 4:00pm-8:00pm Richardson's Adventure Farm
- ◆ **Saturday, February 29th**~St. Patrick's Day Event at Memorial Hall 12:00pm-7:00pm (See insert or below for details)
- ◆ **Thursday-Saturday, March 19th-21st** ~Apple Tree Production of "Let It Rain" at Memorial Hall (See website for details)
  - ◆ **Thursday, April 2nd**~Electronic Curbside Collection (See details below)
  - ◆ **Thursday, April 2nd**~Yard Waste Collection Begins (See details below)
    - ◆ **Friday, April 10th**~Office Closed
    - ◆ **Thursday, April 16th**~Village Brush Pick Up (place curbside)
    - ◆ **Saturday, April 18th**~Grace Lutheran Craft & Vendor Show 9am-3pm
  - ◆ **Saturday, April 18th**~Richmond Retro Night 7:00pm-11:00pm at Memorial Hall
    - ◆ **Friday, May 8th**~ Spring Leaf Vacuuming (place leaves curbside)
    - ◆ **Thursday, May 21st**~Brush Pick Up (place curbside)
      - ◆ **Monday, May 25th**~Office Closed
    - ◆ **Monday, May 25th** ~Memorial Day Salute at Stevens Park 10:30am  
by American Legion Post 253 and Village of Richmond-Light refreshments to follow in Memorial Hall



### Weekly Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste will be picked up once-a-week on your regular pick-up day, at the curb April 1st through November 30th. Two (2) bags removed for FREE with additional bags requiring yard waste stickers. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall and Ace Hardware. Cost is \$3.00 each.

### Check this out!

- **NO MORE PAPER BILLS!** The Village is proud to announce ...*Utility E-billing*. Receive e-mail notification when your water/sewer bill is ready! Follow link on website [www.richmond-il.com](http://www.richmond-il.com)
- 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!** Follow link on website [www.richmond-il.com](http://www.richmond-il.com)
- Free Nixle service allows you to get: weather alerts, critical public safety emergency notifications and advisory alerts! See website for details!
- Vacation watch request are processed through our online portal through Frontline Public Safety Solutions. All information is securely transmitted to the Richmond Police Department. See website for details!

**What:** Live Music, Irish Dancing, Irish-American Market

**Where:** Memorial Hall 10308 N. Main Street Richmond, IL

**When:** Noon-7pm

**\*\*\*Free Admission! Food, drinks, cash bar and sweets!\*\*\***



### CLERK'S CORNER

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

Part of Christmas of Yesteryear is a Coloring Contest for students of Richmond and Spring Grove Elementary Schools. The selection process is always very difficult as we have wonderful artists in are misted. Everyone that participated did an Awesome Job!

Winners of the Coloring Contest this year are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: (Grades K-1) Katrina Kaminsky; (Grades 2-3) Kimberly Garcia; (Grades 4-5) Cambrie Lindholm

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: (Grades K-1) Brighton Keeling; (Grades 2-3) Gretchen Howard; (Grades 4-5) Kayla Riechert

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: (Grades K-1) Mason Alshouse; (Grades 2-3) Leah Riechert; (Grades 4-5) Rylinn Tonyan

Congratulations to the winners!

Another element of Christmas of Yesteryear is a Christmas Window Decorating Contest for the downtown businesses. The winner of the contest this year was "Richmond Motor Sales and Services". Congratulations on a job well done!  
~Karla L. Thomas



#### Do you have an unserviceable flag ?

Our thanks to Judy Newcomb who serves as Quartermaster for our local VFW, you may drop flags during normal business hours to be assured your flag receives a deserving ceremony with dignity and respect.

#### Note from Prairieland...

##### Thursday, April 2nd

Prairieland Disposal will perform Village curbside E-Scrap (Electronic) pick up.

\*Please Note: Only two (2) televisions or two (2) monitors are permitted per household (or combination thereof).

##### Friday May 8th

Village wide spring leaf vacuuming

**Have curbside evening prior!**

### Just a couple more items...

Vehicle sticker registration cards will be mailed mid-March and go on sale March 30th 2020! Stickers must be displayed by May 1st. Late fee of \$6.00/sticker will be charged effective May 2nd, 2020.

- Cars and Trucks \$20.00
- Motorcycles \$10.00
- Senior Discount \$5.00/sticker
- Disabled Discount \$5.00/sticker WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION

Visit Village Hall during regular business hours or visit [www.richmond-il.com](http://www.richmond-il.com) to purchase online

**BUSINESS OWNERS:** Business Registration renewal letters will be mailed first week of April.