



Village of Richmond Newsletter

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Village President's Letter

Fellow Residents:

During the last three months, truly, COVID -19, has taken its toll creating very trying times on our Nation, the State of Illinois, Village of Richmond, its Business owners and of course, all our residents. What we are experiencing is unprecedented for the vast majority of us in our entire lifetime. Nationwide we have lost over 149,000 lives.

McHenry County has had over 2,600 confirmed cases and 108 deaths. Our Village has had over 20 confirmed cases. Unfortunately, we are seeing a substantial rise in these numbers in many states throughout the country. I hope each of you are taking every precaution to personally stay safe, are wearing masks while in public and are practicing social distancing. We all are looking forward to returning back to normalcy.

Enclosed with this new letter is the first water bill which includes the rate increases implemented May 1st of this year. While none of us like paying bills and any increases, these rate increases were needed to maintain the necessary infrastructure to provide the Richmond community with both water and sewer. As mentioned in my May letter, a 12,000 gallon user will experience a monthly increase of \$5.93, resulting in a cost per gallon of \$0.018.

I regret to inform you that Ms. Jen Ezop, Administrative Clerk/Permits, resigned her employment with the Village. I would like to take this time to thank Jen for her 10 years of service to the Village and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

In closing, I ask you to please support our local businesses who are struggling during these most difficult times. If you can, please, whenever possible, buy local here in Richmond.



Get it to go. Order from your local restaurants and bars via delivery service, to-go, or curbside pickup.



Shop small online. Websites haven't closed and it's important to leave positive reviews for local vendors and businesses.



Buy in advance. Purchase gift cards or book services from local businesses to use at a future date.



Stay looped in. Keep up with your memberships, and with services that are still offered online.



Follow along. Your favorite local businesses are online and sharing specific ways you can support them.



Say thank you. Many business owners and workers are risking their health to provide critical products and services. Be thankful.

**Village President
Craig Kunz**

TRUSTEES

BOB ELLIOTT
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- **Board Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month @ 7:00pm online until further notice.
- **Finance Committee Meetings** are held at 5:30pm on the Tuesday prior to the 2nd Board meeting of the month online until further notice.
- **Community Development Committee Meetings** are held at 5:30pm on the Monday prior to the 2nd Board Meeting of the month at online until further notice.
- Check Village Website for dates.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

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Office Hours

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

Village Hall Closed

Monday, September 7th
Labor Day

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

FAIR REPRESENTATION

The Census results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



REDISTRICTING

State officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts to adapt to population shifts.

FUND DISTRIBUTION

Census data is used to determine how to distribute Federal, State, and local funds. These funds pay for things like public health programs, education, and infrastructure improvements.



VISIT 2020census.gov TODAY!



Village of Richmond E-Billing

Go green! Switch to paperless billing today.

Online registration is quick & easy:

1. Visit our website www.richmond-il.com
2. Navigate to the 'Pay Online' > 'E-Pay Portal' tab on the left menu
3. Register using your preferred e-mail address on the eCommerce website
4. After you create your account, verify it using the same e-mail address (check spam folder if you do not see anything in your inbox).

How to add your utility account:

1. After you log in on the eCommerce homepage, click '**View & Pay Bills**'
2. Choose '**Add an Account**' and use your Village of Richmond utility account number.
3. Add the PIN located under the return address, in the upper left side. Both of these numbers can be found on any previous utility bill- or call the Village office at 815-678-4040, we can help!
3. Wait 1-3 business days for verification.
4. Receive confirmation e-mail titled '**Your Account Has Been Added to Your User Profile**'.

You will receive a notification e-mail when a new bill and newsletter is uploaded on the website. You can log in using your established username and password and view and/or pay your bill online.



Public Works Brush Pick Up

Pick Up is scheduled for the third Thursday of each month running through November. Please allow for possible delays due to weather or high priority emergencies that may arise in public works.

The following guidelines have been established for this service:

Branches must be less than six inches in diameter and less than six feet in length. All branches must be piled curbside, cut end towards the street by 7AM on scheduled pick up day.

NO LUMBER, GRASS CLIPPINGS, STUMPS OR YARD WASTE.

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 can be purchased at Ace Hardware. Sold at Village Hall when restricted access is lifted. Cost is \$3.00 each.



Experiencing a Sewer Back-Up?

Call Richmond Public Works first! During regular business hours, please call the office 815-678-4040.

After hours, call 815-298-1934 to be connected to on-call employee.

Public Works personnel will be sent to your location to assess the problem. If the blockage is in the Village's sewer main line, the Village will take corrective action as quickly as possible. If the blockage is in your line (that portion from the building to the sewer main line), you will be requested to call a plumber to clear your building's service.