



Village of Richmond Winter 2024 Newsletter



Village President's Letter

Hello Neighbors!

What an incredible early fall it has been—so busy, and the weather has been phenomenal! Here we are in late October, and it's 83 degrees. This might be the first time I've done fall yard tidying in shorts! While I know the seasonable chill will soon return, I'm savoring these last warm days.

The 2024 Road Program was a great success—completed swiftly and under budget. Many of you have asked how we decide which roads to work on. The selections are based on data that was obtained from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning during a road study. This data prioritizes roads based on their condition and allows us to make informed, unbiased choices on where to allocate Motor Fuel Tax dollars. We'll keep moving forward to improve our infrastructure!

I hope you've had a chance to enjoy Richmond's two beautiful new murals! We held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 12th to celebrate their completion. Public art like this brings such vibrancy to our town, and we're grateful to have received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to make it happen. Artists Lexi Lesko/Little Mountain Art and Lynda Wallis did a fantastic job with their works in Stevens Park (10314 N Main St) and at 5613 Broadway (overlooking the municipal lots on W Broadway). Be sure to check them out next time you're in downtown!

I look forward to honoring our Veterans this upcoming Veterans Day. Everyone is invited to Stevens Park on November 11th at 11 a.m. to join us in expressing our gratitude to those who served our country. It's one of my greatest privileges as Village President to offer thanks to these selfless men and women who gave so much for our freedom.

Though it may seem early, I want to be the first to wish you all a wonderful holiday season ahead. May it be the happiest yet!

Respectfully yours,

Toni Wardanian



Stevens Park Mural - "Explore Richmond" by Lexi Lesko/Little Mountain Art

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
TONI WARDANIAN

TRUSTEES

ROBERT ELLIOTT
JAMES GERASCO
CRAIG KUNZ
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FRANK PEILER
LINDA WEISS

VILLAGE CLERK
KARLA THOMAS

· **Board Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm

· **Community Development Committee Meetings** are held at 6:00pm on the Monday prior to the 2nd Board meeting of the month

· Check Village Website for dates.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:00pm

Village Hall Closed:

Thursday-Friday
Nov 28-29, 2024

Tuesday-Wednesday
Dec 24-25, 2024

Wednesday
January 1, 2025

Clerk's Corner



Village Board Election Information:

Petitions for the Consolidated Election began circulating on August 20th and can be pickup in the Village Clerk's Office location at the Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive during regular office hours of Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following positions are up for election:

- (3) Village Trustee (4-Year Full Term)
- (1) Village Trustee (2-Year Unexpired Term)
- (1) Village President (4-Year Full Term)

Nominating petitions need to be filed during the week of November 12-18, 2024 in the Village Clerk's Office between regular office hours stated above, except on November 18th the Clerk's Office will be open until 5 p.m. If a lottery is required to take place, it will be held on November 22nd at 10 a.m. in the Village Hall Board room. The last day to file an objection to nominating petitions is November 25th. If you require further information regarding the election procedures, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov/Main/Publications.aspx. The Consolidated Election takes place April 1, 2025.

Precinct Polling Locations:

RIC#1 is Lifespring Community Church, Main Lobby, 1154 Route 173, Spring Grove
RIC#2 is Nippersink District Library 2nd Floor, 5418 Hill Rd., Richmond
RIC#3 is Lifespring Community Church, Main Lobby, 1154 Route 173, Spring Grove
RIC#4 is Spring Grove Village Hall, Council Chambers, 7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove
RIC#5 is Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Broadway St., Richmond
RIC#6 is Nippersink District Library 2nd Floor, 5418 Hill Rd., Richmond
Check your voter's registration card to determine which precinct you should vote at or call the County Clerk at (815) 334-4242 M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Election Voting Hours at Polling Places are 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Phishing

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCAMMERS ARE AFTER YOUR



Passwords



Financial Info



Identity



Money

WHY DO WE FALL FOR THESE SCAMS?

- Urgency
- Desire to please
- Greed
- Curiosity
- Complacency
- Fear



PROBABILITY THAT A PHISHING MESSAGE SUCCEEDS
1 out of 10!



WATCH OUT FOR

- Spelling & Grammar Errors
- Sender Address
- Things That Sound Too Good to be True

BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED MESSAGES

- Attachments
- Links
- Login Pages



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

54th Annual Christmas of Yesteryear – December 7th, 2024



Please join us in celebrating the Village of Richmond's Christmas of Yesteryear event and get in the festive holiday spirit!

On Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at The District (10308 Main St.) the Village of Richmond will be hosting the famous St. Joseph's Cookie Walk. Free visits and photos with Santa from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, each child will receive a stocking full of goodies. There will be free face painting, Christmas ornament making, free take & makes, as well as a craft sponsored by the Nippersink Library. Mr. Killian will create and provide holiday balloon creations from 10:00 AM to noon and Magic Dave will entertain visitors with his magical tricks from 11:00 AM to noon. Meanwhile, local Girl Scout troops will be caroling downtown from 10 AM to noon.

Additionally, the Richmond Township Fire Department located at 5601 Hunter Drive will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Richmond Food Pantry at the Fire House from November 1st to the 15th and Doyle's Pub located at 5604 Mill Street is hosting a "Giving Tree" to benefit PADS and Home of the Sparrow from November 1st to December 13th. Please stop in at these locations to participate by helping others this Holiday Season!

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 11th
Veterans Day Event (Stevens Park)

Saturday, November 9th
LRS Leaf Vacuuming

Monday, November 18th
Public Works Brush Pick Up

Saturday, November 23rd
LRS Leaf Vacuuming

Saturday, December 7th
Christmas of Yesteryear/Richmond Cocoa Walk Weekend (Downtown)