



# Village of Richmond Spring 2025 Newsletter

## Village President's Letter

Dear Fellow Richmond Residents,

It's that time of year when the winter doldrums try to sneak up on us—but not this year! Each day brings a little more sunshine, and we have some exciting upcoming events to brighten the season until spring arrives.

First up, on **Saturday, February 15th**, join us for Murder on Main – A Valentine's Day Mystery Event at The District. Put your detective skills to the test as you work to uncover the truth behind a mysterious murder. Doors open at **5:45PM**, with the event running from **7:00PM to 9:00PM**. Your ticket includes a thrilling murder mystery melodrama, one alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink, and a delightful selection of desserts and treats. A huge thank-you to **Anderson's Candy Shop, Harper G's, and The District** for making this event possible! The Village is proud to contribute as well, and I'm grateful for these outstanding businesses that continue to support our community. Tickets are **\$45** and available here: <https://tinyurl.com/MurderOnMain>. A portion of the proceeds will help support repairing the Historic George St Wooden Bridge.

Then, on **March 16th**, the Village is throwing a **free, family-friendly St. Patrick's Day** Party at The District! Enjoy live music, dancing, and delicious food and drinks for purchase. It's going to be a festive celebration—so put on your best green outfit and join in the fun!

Looking ahead, I'm excited about several community improvements. At our January board meeting, the Friends of Hackmatack presented plans for a **Pocket Refuge at McConnell Park**, funded through a grant they secured. This project will focus on native plantings that contribute to the environment, and the Board agreed it would be a fantastic addition to the park. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to help bring this vision to life!

Little touches to enhance our community remain a top priority. New benches and tables, approved in this year's budget, will be installed in some of our parks just in time for late spring. Also, keep an eye out on West Broadway this spring—we'll be adding Edison lights across the street to create a vibrant, inviting atmosphere.

Finally, I encourage you to complete the survey online about Stevens Park (link on the backside of this letter). Your feedback—whether as a resident or a local business owner—is invaluable. Since it's your tax dollars that support our town, your voice should be heard before any decisions are made. If you don't have internet access, feel free to call the office directly at 815-678-4040 x102 to share your thoughts.

As always, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve this wonderful community. Looking forward to seeing you at these events and hearing from you soon!

Warm regards,

*Toni Wardenian*

PS Dunkin Donuts has poured their foundation!

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
**TONI WARDANIAN**

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**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.

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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00am-4:00pm

**Village Hall Closed:**

**Friday,  
April 18**

Current site,  
Stevens Park



Please provide your valuable input on the proposed relocation and redesign of the veterans memorial in Richmond.

Scan the QR code below using your cell phone, or use the link to take our short survey. Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/StevensParkSurvey>



# We want to hear from you!



**This survey will be open until March 1st.**



The Village of Richmond will be hosting the annual St Patrick Celebration in March!

Save the date!

March 16th, 2025

Free admission!

Live music, kids crafts & games, and more!

Check out our website for more information  
[www.richmond-il.com](http://www.richmond-il.com)

2PM - 7PM  
10308 N Main St  
Richmond, IL 60071



## Clerk's Corner

The Consolidated Election takes place April 1, 2025.  
Polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day.  
Remember to get out and vote!

Polling locations are as follows:

- Precinct#1 & #3, Lifespring Church, 1154 Rte. 173, Spring Grove
- Precinct#2 & #6, Nippersink Library 5418 Hill Rd., Richmond
- Precinct#4, Spring Grove Village Hall 7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove
- Precinct#5, Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Broadway St., Richmond

There are several ways to determine where you vote, first check your voter's registration card to determine your precinct. Second, go to <https://ova.elections.il.gov>, click on "Polling Place Locator" located in the upper right-hand corner and follow the prompts, or contact Karla Thomas, Village Clerk at (815) 678-4040.

## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, March 16th**  
St Patrick's Day Event

**Tuesday, April 1st**  
Consolidated Election

**Thursday, April 3rd**  
LRS E-Waste Spring Pick Up

**Thursday, April 3rd**  
LRS Yard Waste Pick Up Begins

**Friday, April 18th**  
Village Hall Closed

**Monday, April 21st**  
Public Works Brush Pick Up