



Village of Richmond Fall 2026 Newsletter

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Village President's Letter

Dear fellow residents,

Summer has been one to remember in Richmond. After many years away, Round-Up Days returned, and what a success it was! The weekend celebrated America 250, the 100th anniversary of the Richmond Township Fire Protection District, 100 years of Anderson's Candy Shop, and brought neighbors together to enjoy a tradition that many residents have wanted to see return. From the parade and pancake breakfast to live music, food, and community fellowship, the weekend reminded us that the best part of Richmond has always been its people. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers, organizations, sponsors, Village staff, and everyone who helped make the weekend such a memorable event.

One of my favorite moments was opening Richmond's 1976 time capsule. While the memorabilia was fascinating, the real treasure was reading letters written by local school children predicting what life would be like in 2026. Some of their ideas were surprisingly accurate, while others reminded us that the future always has a few surprises in store.

Now it's our turn! **We're assembling a new time capsule to be opened in 2026, and we'd love your help.** Over the coming months, we'll be collecting letters, photographs, and other items that tell the story of Richmond today. Imagine someone opening your contribution 50 years from now! I hope you'll consider being part of this unique project. Please get your submissions to Village Hall (5600 Hunter Drive) soon.

The 1976 time capsule contents will be donated to the McConnell Foundation and an online gallery of items will be launched soon on our website if you missed the display downtown in June.

We're also continuing to invest in Richmond's future through our annual road improvement program. Projects are prioritized using a roadway condition study completed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), ensuring we focus our resources where they're needed most.

This year's road program includes:

- May Avenue (Main Street to the east end)
- Circle Drive (May Avenue to the north end)
- North Lane (May Avenue to Valley Road)
- George Street (Main Street to McConnell Drive)
- South Street (Main Street to Williams Street)

Thank you for continuing to make Richmond such a wonderful place to live. Whether you're volunteering at an event, supporting local businesses, or simply being a good neighbor, you help make our community stronger every day. I hope to see you around town as we head into another beautiful Richmond autumn.

Toni Wardenian

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT
TONI WARDANIAN**

TRUSTEES

LAURI COOK
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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 4:00pm on the Monday prior to the 2nd Board meeting of the month

• Check Village Website for dates.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND

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Richmond, IL 60071
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Office Hours

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

Village Hall Closed:

Monday
September 7, 2026

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 17
Public Works Brush Pick Up

Sunday, September 20
Richmond Rampage
Fall Cycling Classic

Thursday, October 1
LRS Fall E-Waste Pick Up

Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18
Richmond Fall Fest
(Downtown)

Saturday, September 12
Richmond Wine Walk
(Downtown)

Monday, September 21
Public Works Brush Pick Up

Saturday, October 10
Richmond Police Trunk or
Treat (1-3PM)

Monday, October 19
Public Works Brush Pick Up

Village Board Election Information:

Petitions for the Consolidated Election began circulating on August 25th and can be picked up 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)

Nominating petitions need to be filed during the week of November 16-23, 2026 in the Village Clerk's Office between regular office hours stated above, except on November 23rd 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 30th at 10 a.m. in the Village Hall Board room. The last day to file an objection to nominating petitions is December 2nd.

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 6, 2027.

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 Nippersink District Library 2nd Floor, 5418 Hill Rd., 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.

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<https://richmond-il.com/utility-billing-department/bill-payment/>



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What is EyeOnWater®?

EyeOnWater® is the software Richmond uses to access water consumption information from a cell-read meter.

Each **EyeOnWater®** meter is equipped with a compatible cellular endpoint that gathers water usage data and transmits this data to the Cloud where it can then be accessed by customers and Richmond staff.

How does the EyeOnWater® portal work?

By activating your EyeOnWater® account, customers can log into the portal to set leak alerts, view usage trends and check account status information, all in a secure cyber platform. The EyeOnWater® portal lets customers and Richmond staff view the same usage data.

There is no fee to create or use your account. Simply sign up by using your account number and Richmond zip code, and you'll be able to monitor your water usage from your computer or cell phone any time!

Visit www.EyeOnWater.com or download the **app** from Apple App Store or Google Play Store to begin:

The Village of Richmond has upgraded all standard meters in our service area with cellular technology. These new meters offer you the benefit of viewing your water usage at your convenience with 24/7 access. You also have other useful tools for water management at your fingertips.

Steps to Create an EyeOnWater Account

1. Enter your account number as it appears on your water bill. Don't have a copy of your water bill? Contact your utility.

SAMPLE WATER BILL			
CUSTOMER NAME	SERVICE LOCATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	
JOHN SMITH	123 MAIN STREET	XXXXXXXXXX-XX	
BILL DATE		CURRENT CHARGE	
02/15/2017		\$45.00	

2. Enter your service or billing address ZIP/Postal Code.

3. Enter and confirm your email address.

4. Create and confirm your password.

5. Read and accept the [Terms of Use](#).

6. Verify your email address in the confirmation email.

7. Enjoy using EyeOnWater!

Account Number:

XXXXXXXXXX-XX

Some utilities want you to use your account number or customer number as it appears on your water bill. Others want you to leave off leading zeros and non-numeric characters. Other utilities may still be rolling out EyeOnWater®. Please contact your water company directly for assistance.

Service or Billing ZIP/Postal Code:

60071

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