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Village of Richmond Winter 2026 Newsletter

Village President's Letter

Hello, Richmond!

Crisp fall nights, colorful leaves, and freshly paved streets- there's plenty to enjoy in Richmond this season!

Our road improvement program is now complete, marking our fourth consecutive year of investing in Richmond's streets. This year's work included May Avenue, Circle Drive, North Lane, George Street, and South Street. We use road condition ratings to help prioritize improvements and keep making steady progress each year.

Thank you for your patience during construction. We know the noise, detours, and temporary inconveniences can disrupt your routine, and we appreciate everyone giving the crews room to work safely. Our MFT funds and local sales tax helps support these improvements, putting those dollars back into the infrastructure we all use every day.

Of course, those beautiful fall leaves eventually land in our yards! As you tackle cleanup, please remember that Richmond has a leaf-burning ordinance. Burning is permitted only on Saturdays and Sundays during April, May, October, and November, between dawn and dusk. Burn areas must be at least 100 feet from any habitable structure, such as a home, and 50 feet from non-habitable structures, such as sheds or detached garages. Burning is never permitted on public or private roads, rights-of-way, or sidewalks. Winds must be under 10 mph, a working water source or fire extinguisher must be available, and an adult age 18 or older must supervise the fire at all times.

Please keep your neighbors in mind, especially those sensitive to smoke. Mulching or composting leaves is another great way to handle fall cleanup! Residents are encouraged to use the three leaf vacuuming service dates from LRS on November 6th, 20th and 27th. Also, two FREE landscape bags are always included in your regular weekly pick up between April and November.

While we're enjoying fall, we're also getting ready for the holidays. The Village's festive decorations will start going up right before Thanksgiving, and we have something extra sweet planned for downtown this year. I'll leave the details as a surprise, but we hope they'll give you another reason to stroll through town and enjoy the season!

As you make your holiday plans, please keep Richmond's local businesses in mind. Shopping, dining, and spending time downtown help support the people who make our community special. The downtown Cocoa Walk is December 12th and 13th between 10am and 3pm.

Thank you for another season of progress and for the everyday ways you make Richmond a welcoming place to call home.

Wishing you a wonderful fall and a happy holiday season!

Toni Wardanian

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· **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.

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

Village Hall Closed:

Monday
November 26-27th, 2026

December 24-25th, 2026

January 1, 2027

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 6
LRS Leaf Vacuuming

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day Event
(Stevens Park)

Monday, November 16
Final Public Works
Brush Pick Up

Friday, November 20
LRS Leaf Vacuuming

Friday, November 27
LRS Leaf Vacuuming

Saturday, December 12
Merry Main Street
(The District)

Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13
Richmond Cocoa Walk
(Downtown)

Merry Main Street!

56th Annual Merry Main Street – Dec. 12th

Please join us by celebrating the Village of Richmond's Merry Main Street event and get in the Festive Holiday Spirit!

On Saturday, December 12th, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM at The District (10308 Main St.) the Village of Richmond will be hosting the famous St. Joseph's Cookie Walk. A Cocoa Bar will be available with monetary donations encouraged for the Richmond Food Pantry. Magic Dave will entertain visitors with his magical tricks from 11:00 AM to Noon. Meanwhile, local Girl Scout troops will be caroling downtown at the same time.

Free visits and photos with Santa from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, each child will receive a holiday stocking filled with goodies. There will be free face painting, Christmas Ornament making, as well as, a craft sponsored by the Nippersink Library.

Mr. Killian will create and provide holiday balloon creations from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

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 19th. Please stop in to help others in need this Holiday Season!

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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!

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