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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2021

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We are excited to bring back the Richmond Community Newsletter. We hope that you will find it fun & informative!! We plan to put these newsletters out four times per year, loaded with reminders, community happenings and much more!

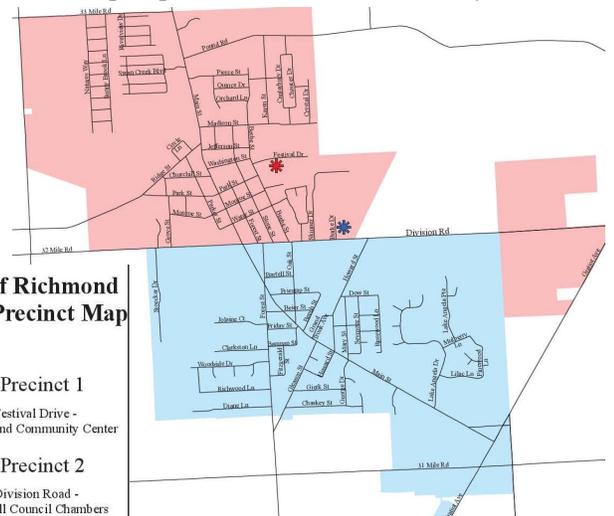
- Jon Moore, City Manager

INFORMATION REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021, CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

With the growth of the City of Richmond and increase in the number of Registered Voters in the City, the Community Center in Beebe Park was beginning to be overcrowded during certain elections. After reviewing the situation, the Richmond City Clerk and City Council split the polling locations for the 2020 Presidential Election to make the voting process run more smoothly. The City is maintaining the split precincts for all elections moving forward. Please see the information below regarding the upcoming Council election.



- Precinct 1 voters (residents north of Division Road) will vote at the Richmond Community Center, 36164 Festival Drive.
- Precinct 2 voters (residents south of Division Road) will vote at Richmond City Hall – Council Chambers, 36725 Division Road.
- Polls are open from 7 am until 8 pm.
- Please have your driver’s license, passport or state issued ID ready when checking in.
- Masks are not required, but recommended.
- City Hall will be open on Saturday, October 30th from 8 am until 4 pm to issue absent voter ballots or to register new voters.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk Karen Stagl by phone at (586) 727-7571, ext. 204 or by email at kstagl@cityofrichmond.net

THE ROOSEVELT CIVIC AUDITORIUM



The City of Richmond is moving forward with an exciting opportunity that could fundamentally transform how we provide recreational opportunities to all age groups within the Richmond Community. The Richmond School Board recently approved the Richmond City Council's proposal to purchase the Roosevelt Civic Auditorium located at 68931 Main Street. The City's proposal was to purchase the building for \$1, but the proposal also included a commitment by the City of Richmond to keep the building open for public use. The City's proposal highlighted potential recreation programming that could be brought back to the community through the use of the Roosevelt Civic Auditorium.

This building was built in 1935 as a WPA project. (from History.com) *The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest years of the Great Depression. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million Americans to work. Perhaps best known for its public works projects, the WPA also sponsored projects in the arts.* In Richmond, the community voted 147 to 25 to bond out for \$8,500 in local funds to be able to receive \$38,000 in federal dollars.

The sale of the building is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2021. The City's first priority is to repair the roof and masonry as we need to keep the water out of the building before more damage is done. Prior to submitting the proposal to the Schools, the City had contractors out to assess the needs of the building. The City's Tax Increment Finance Authority has budgeted funds for the roof and masonry projects. Another important project in the near future will be the improvement and possible expansion of the parking lot.

The City views these repairs as a necessary step to preserving an important piece of Richmond's history. Many of these Civic Auditoriums that also served as community gymnasiums have been lost over time. It is truly incredible that ours has survived.

While we are making the repairs to the building, the City Council, Recreation Board and TIFA, along with administration, will be making plans on how to begin programming in the building. As we begin to develop programming, it will be very important that we engage the Richmond Community on what types of programming they would like to see and would support. We urge our residents and non-profit groups to watch the City's website and Recreation Department's Facebook page for their chance to have input into the future of this iconic community building.



WELCOME JACOB MASON

The City of Richmond has completed the process of hiring a new full-time patrol officer by swearing in Jacob Mason as a full-time officer. Jacob currently works at Highland Park where he has received many commendations. Jacob was being pursued by both Richmond and Madison Heights. Jacob has a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and currently teaches part time at the Oakland Police Academy. He is a certified Field Training Officer. He came highly recommended by both the Highland Park references and other police references given. He currently lives in Washington Township and is an assistant wrestling coach in Romeo.



Pictured (left to right): Sergeant Kacanowski, Chief Dave Teske and Officer Jacob Mason

CONGRATULATIONS

The City is sad to see our longtime Police Sergeant Tim Fair retire after serving as Sergeant for 25 years with the City of Richmond. Tim began his service with the Richmond Police Department in August of 1988 as a reserve police officer and part-time communications officer. In 1990, he was sent to the Police Academy and



was promoted to part-time police officer upon graduation. In March of 1992, Tim was promoted to full-time police officer. Tim was promoted to Sergeant in July 1997.

Sergeant Fair was instrumental in keeping the Department's technology up to date. Tim was the fleet supervisor for the department vehicles and was

in charge of the in-car and body camera systems. As Sergeant, Tim oversaw the department staffing for all City-wide special events and was involved in the daily administration of the operations for the Richmond Police Department including all sworn police officers, communications officers and reserve police officers.

The City of Richmond is equally excited to welcome Bill Kacanowski as our Department's next Sergeant. Bill was selected out of a field of five candidates who took the written and oral examination. Bill was clearly the lead candidate for the position. Sergeant Kacanowski began his career with the City of Richmond as a part time officer in November 1997. He was promoted to full time officer in August of 1998. Prior to working at the City of Richmond, Bill worked for the New Haven and Hazel Park Police Departments.

Sergeant Kacanowski is a graduate of the Oakland Police Academy. Bill is no stranger to additional duties and assignments as he already serves as an Evidence Technician, Department Accident Investigator and Firearms Instructor. For the past 20 years Bill has run the Department's property and evidence room.

Bill looks forward to the challenges of being one of two command staff positions within the Department. He hopes to expand community relations and increase the training for our police and communications officers. As Sergeant, Bill will be taking on the responsibility of aiding in the daily administration of the Department as well as taking over the technology responsibilities from the retiring Sergeant.

ONLINE BILL PAY

Any Richmond Residents that signed up for online banking through their bank **prior** to August 2015 -

please contact your bank to make sure that the address to City Hall has been updated to the new address (36725 Division Rd, PO Box 457, Richmond, MI 48062). We have been notified by some residents that signed up before that time that their banks still have the old City Hall address on Main Street.



Since there is a new owner/business in that location, payments sent to that address are no longer being forwarded to the new City Hall address on Division Rd. The payments are being returned to the bank; who may not notify the customer.

If you would like to sign up for online bill pay or update your payment method so that the City may debit your account directly (meaning no paper check being mailed by your bank), please visit the City of Richmond website at www.cityofrichmond.net, look for the "How Do I" heading and "Pay...Utility Bills"

If you have any questions, please call (586) 727-7571 and ask for the City Treasurer.

RICHMOND TV

RICHMOND COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Does your school, church or non-profit organization have an event flyer they would like to have aired on our Comcast Channel 6 bulletin board? Simply email the flyer to the Cable Coordinator at jrobbins@cityofrichmond.net. Flyers can also be faxed to (586) 727-2489.

Contact Jason Robbins at (586) 727-0203 if you are interested in being a part of a Focus Richmond interview for your upcoming event.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS



Just a reminder that there is No Overnight Parking on any curbed streets within the City of Richmond from December 1st through April 1st.

Cars should be off of the streets from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. to allow for snowplows to clear the streets.

The no parking restriction is in accordance with Traffic Control Order No. 1-2020. Thank you for your cooperation. Residents are also encouraged to remove their vehicles from the public streets during any snow event to assist the DPW in clearing the streets. Your cooperation allows the streets to be cleared in a timely manner.

REMEMBER TO SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALK

The City Code requires that snow be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours following a snowstorm. With the cutbacks in school busing more children are walking to school. Shoveling your sidewalk will keep your children and grandchildren from having to walk in the street. We ask everyone to work together to keep our children and residents safe.

Plows will push snow into your driveway approaches, and in some areas, onto your sidewalks. This cannot be helped. Please do not shovel, push or blow snow from sidewalks and driveways into the travel portion of any street. Doing so is a violation of the State Motor Vehicle Code and you may be cited and fined. Place the snow in the public median (between sidewalk and street) in a manner which does not block a sidewalk, obstruct vision or create a hazard for vehicles. Along the Main Street business district, place the snow within 3-feet of the curb line. Please notify your snow removal company of this requirement.



DECEMBER 1, 2021
2021 WINTER
TAXES MAILED OUT

ADOPT A CATCH BASIN

Catch Basins:

- Catch Basins are designed to quickly remove storm runoff from the roadway.



Basins covered with snow, leaves, or other debris causes water to pond on the roadway

What can YOU do?

- Do not rake or blow leaves or grass clippings for your yard into the street.
- Dispose of all waste in trash cans instead of sweeping it into the gutters or catch basins.
- Remove accumulated debris from the catch basin in front of your property.
- Clear snow away from catch basins following each snow storm.



Safety Tips!

- Always be aware of traffic when working near the roadway and wear bright clothing.
- In the winter, wait until the snow has stopped and the roads are clear.

If you shovel too early the basin may be covered again with snow. The same is true for your **DRIVEWAY**

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Fire Hydrants:

- Fire hydrants provide a large volume of water to aid in firefighting.
 - Hydrants are inspected by DPW staff to ensure they are operating properly.
 - Hydrants covered with snow and ice make the hydrant difficult to locate and take precious time to clear during a fire emergency.



What can YOU do?

- Clear around the hydrant after each snow fall. Do this in conjunction with shoveling your sidewalk or driveway.
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the roadway.
- Ensure snow and ice buildup is removed from the hydrant.
- Contact the City if you suspect the hydrant needs repair or maintenance.



YARD WASTE AND LEAF PICKUP

Yard Waste:

- Curbside yard waste is collected on Tuesdays from April to November.
- Yard waste must be placed in yard waste bags or garbage cans (32 gallons or less).
- Garbage cans must be marked yard waste.



- Cans can be spray painted with a large “X”, or
- “Yard Waste” stickers are available at City Hall.
- Each bag or can must be 50 lbs or less.
- A maximum of 10 bags or containers can be placed each week.
- Twigs, sticks, and branches 4’ or less in length can be bundled with twine
- Yard waste mixed with trash will not be accepted.



Leaf Pickup:

- Place leaves in bags or approved containers.
- Please do not rake leaves into the street.
- The City does not own equipment intended for leaf collection.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining the boulevard area between the curb and the sidewalk. This includes leaf removal.
- Street sweepers are not design to pick up significant amounts of leaves. The leaves clog filters and screens, causing premature wear on the equipment.



LOIS WAGNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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WEB SITE: <http://www.libcoop.net/richmond>

E-MAIL ADDRESS:
lwml@libcoop.net

Hours

Monday – Thursday • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



“The Orphan Train Era”

Al and Dave Eicher



“The Orphan Train Era: Why was there an Orphan Train?”

- What was the Orphan Train and why was there one in America?
- Why were so many children abandoned by their parents?
- Why were 240,000 children placed in 46 states including Michigan?

Al and Dave’s compelling presentation will answer all these questions and more taking us city by city...town by town in Michigan from 1894-1923.

Friday, November 5, 2021 • 7:00 PM
Richmond Community Center
36164 Festival Drive • Richmond, MI

A GREAT program brought to you by the
Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society

BEGINNER'S YOGA

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

from 6:00-7:00 pm

October 4th-December 15th

NO CLASS: 10/20, 10/25, 11/24

This class integrates the whole body and provides a deepened sense of well-being. Movements focus on body, mind, breathing and posture to improve circulation, flexibility and focus.



\$6.00 drop in fee per person OR purchase a 6-class punch card for \$30!

Register now at the Community Center
Call (586) 727-3064 for more info

If you have your own yoga mat, please bring it to class. There are a limited number of mats available at class for those who do not have one.

It is requested that participants refrain from eating 2 hours prior to class and avoid wearing heavy colognes or perfumes.

HALL WALKING WITH RICHMOND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

at Richmond Lee School

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
November 2, 2021 - March 31, 2022
6 - 8 p.m.

Drop-in Fee - \$1 per evening
Discount Punch Card - \$12 for 15 punches
(punch card will be kept on file)

All walkers must complete a simple registration form, including emergency contact information and waiver to participate

10 years old & older
Children must be supervised by an adult and actively walking



The program will not be held on the days that the Richmond Community Schools are closed.



City of Richmond Trick-or-Treating will be on
Sunday, October 31, 2021 • 6-8pm

Siren will sound to signal the beginning and
the end of this event

No Tricks, Only Treats

Sunday, October 31, 2021

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Richmond Fire Hall, 69465 Main Street

Kids, join us for trick or treating, spooky story time
and a chance to visit "The Count"!

Count Richmond will be available to visit with
children 6-8 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

Businesses and organizations will be set up in the
parking lot, passing out candy and treats to the
children. This event is for children ages 12 & under.

The RVFD will provide treats and hot chocolate and for
those interested, the Police Department will check candy
throughout the event.

Parking is available in the
Municipal Parking Lot as
well as spots along Main
Street in the North
Business District.

Event will be held in rain
or shine!

Richmond Recreation
Department, RVFD,
Richmond TV, the Lois
Wagner Memorial Library,
Richmond Good Old Days,
RFUMC and local businesses
and organizations



Home for the Holidays

2021 City of Richmond Santa Parade & Community Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4th

Santa Parade - 5:30pm

Tree Lighting- 6pm



2:00pm-7:00pm

- Outdoor *Kris Kringle Market* next to Maniaci's

5:30pm

- Santa Parade begins
(Main St. will be closed during the parade - parade runs on Main Street from S. Forest to Park St.)
- Christmas Carols at the pocket park next to Maniaci's
- Hot Chocolate & light refreshments served outdoors

6:00pm

- Santa arrives
- Little Miss Richmond lights the Community Christmas Tree

After 6:00pm

- Christmas Cash Drawing
- Pictures with Santa immediately following the Tree Lighting inside Maniaci's
(Digital photos \$6 each or take your own)
- Every Child who visits Santa will receive a small gift from Little Miss Richmond & her court
- Main Street from Water Street to Monroe St. will remain closed after parade & tree lighting
- RAHGS Historical Village Open Come visit with Mrs. Claus & enjoy some fun activities.

For more information, contact the Richmond Recreation Department at (586) 727-3064



Shop at any of the participating businesses between Friday, November 26th and Saturday, December 4th to be entered into the Christmas Cash Drawing.

Your entry will be made with a purchase of \$10 or more at a participating business, with a maximum of 10 tickets per purchase/per visit /per store.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, December 4th at 6pm at the Community Tree Lighting

Enter for your chance to win a CASH PRIZE of \$500

- First & Last Name and phone number must be listed on each ticket
- Must be 18 year or older to participate
 - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
- Tickets can be placed in designated boxes for the drawing at any participating businesses.

A list of participating businesses will be posted to the City of Richmond website in mid-November

SANTA PARADE APPLICATIONS

Santa Parade applications are available at the Richmond Community Center or you may request one by sending an email to parksandrec@comcast.net or richmondparade@comcast.net

NEW THIS YEAR

GOLF CARTS WILL BE ALLOWED OUT PAST SUNSET FOR THE PARADE!

Golf Cart Parade Applications have been mailed out to all registered golf cart owners.

All registration forms are due by

Monday, November 29th



NOTIFY ME

Sign up to receive important alerts from the City. The service is customizable to your interests and it's **FREE!**

- Go to www.cityofrichmond.net and click the “*Notify Me*” link.
- Enter your email address and click “*Sign In*” to begin.
- Follow the instructions to customize the communications to your interests.

HOUSE WATCH

The Richmond Police Department provides a house watch program to periodically check homes in the owner's absence. This program is intended for residents who will be away for 5 or more days. To participate, please submit a House Watch Form thru the city's website.



FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays coming up, we want to remind all residents that in September of 2020 a new Firework Ordinance went into effect in the City of Richmond that covers consumer fireworks.



1. Prohibited conduct and Violations.
 - a. No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within the City, **except as follows:**

On the following days after 11 am:

- i. December 31st until 1 am on January 1st.
- ii. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45pm on each of those days.
- iii. June 29th to July 4th until 11:45pm on each of those days.
- iv. July 5th, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45pm
- v. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45pm on each of those days.
- vi. The Friday and Saturday immediately following Labor Day until 11:45pm on each of those days.



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| October 31 st | No Tricks, Only Treats – Halloween Event @ RVFD |
| November 2 nd | City Council Election |
| November 25 th | City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |
| November 26 th | City Offices Closed for Day after Thanksgiving |
| November 30 th | Last day for yard waste pick-up |
| December 1 st | 2021 Winter Taxes mailed out |
| December 4 th | Santa Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting |
| December 23 rd | City Offices Closed for Christmas Eve |
| December 24 th | City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday |
| December 30 th | City Offices Closed for New Year's Eve |
| December 31 st | City Offices Closed for New Year's Day |