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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WINTER/SPRING 2022

### NEW SCBA UNITS FOR THE RVFD

#### CITY OF RICHMOND

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Pictured above: Fire Chief Curtis Spens & Firefighter Joel Dobbelaer

Ten (10) new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units arrived at the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) the first week in January. The Department trained on them the following week and by the end of that same week, the new SCBAs are in service on the trucks. This is the completion of a project which started back in November.

At their November 1, 2021 meeting, the Richmond City Council approved the purchase of the 10 "demo" SCBA units for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD). Fire Chief Spens had discussed with the City Manager and

City Council the potential to purchase 10 "demo" SCBA units from Apollo Fire Equipment out of Bruce Township. Chief Spens then emailed the cost estimate of \$67,000 for 10 "demo" SCBAs to the City Manager. At City Council's October Quarterly Roundtable, Council received a presentation from Firefighter Joel Dobbelaer regarding the potential purchase and his work with the SCBAs for the department.

Although functional, the RVFD's current SCBAs are a style no longer being manufactured and parts are becoming difficult to obtain. As a result, Firefighter Joel Dobbelaer has been working with Apollo to find the best way to begin replacing the Department's stock of SCBAs. Apollo told Joel that they had 10 "demo" units that they would be willing to sell to the RVFD at a discounted price.

The demo units are an MSA G1 with Thermal Imaging Camera and a 4,500-psi air bottle. The G1 is the model number of the SCBA. This is a little better SCBA than the Department normally purchases and includes a built-in thermal imaging camera. The demo units come with a full warranty.

The retail price per SCBA is \$8,326 and the demo price is \$6,700. Joel stated that the demo price for the G1 is still better than the new price for the base unit (the City currently budgets \$7,500 for a new SCBA). The overall savings from retail price to demo price on 10 new SCBAs is \$16,326. At their November 1, 2021 Meeting, the City Council approved the purchase of the 10 demo SCBA units in the amount of \$67,000. Replacing 10 of our SCBAs upgraded 40% of the RVFD's stock of SCBAs. The RVFD is planning to purchase additional demo units over the next two years to replace all of the Department's SCBAs.



Special thanks to Curtis Spens for his 3 years of service as Fire Chief of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department.

He will be stepping down in March; his replacement is to be determined by a vote of the Volunteer Department at the February Meeting



Pictured above: Chief of Police Dave Teske, Officer Moshier and Sergeant Kacanowski

## RPD HIRES NEW FULL TIME OFFICER

The City of Richmond is pleased to announce that Officer Christopher Moshier (who attended the most recent Police Academy at Macomb) has graduated and has been sworn in as a full-time police officer. Officer Moshier was a reserve officer and was picked to go to the police academy.

Officer Moshier has done an outstanding job as a reserve officer and we have received numerous correspondences about his excellent people skills and calm demeanor.



Pictured above: Officer Moshier pictured with Chief of Police, Dave Teske, and other members of the Richmond Police Department



## LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

Janine Ekdahl was hired as the new Library Clerk at the Lois Wagner Memorial Library in October 2021.

Janine was a longtime patron of the library before joining the staff; she and her husband have lived with their two sons in Richmond for 16 years. Janine has a background in social work and experience working with the public, making her a natural fit for her position behind the Circulation Desk.



## NEW MECHANICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY

The City's Mechanical Inspector Scott Higgins is retiring from both his full-time position at Chesterfield Township and his part time position with the City of Richmond. The Building Clerk, Building Official and City Manager interviewed Brian Vanslambrouck. Brian is currently the full-time mechanical inspector in Clinton Township and serves as the part time inspector for Washington Township and the City of Richmond. Brian began in January.



## BIKE REPAIR STATION INSTALLED

For anyone that may need to do some repairs on their bike while visiting the Macomb-Orchard Trail, a new a bike repair station has been installed by the restroom building at the Trailhead Park.



## TAX BILL PAYMENT DEADLINE

THE LAST DAY TO PAY 2021 WINTER AND SUMMER TAX BILLS AT CITY HALL IS FEBRUARY 28, 2022. AS OF MARCH 1, 2022, ALL OUTSTANDING TAX BILLS WILL BE FORWARDED TO MACOMB COUNTY.

## RICHMOND CHIEF OF POLICE RETIRES

The City of Richmond would like to thank Dave Teske for serving nearly 12 years as Chief of Police for the Richmond Police Department. Chief Teske came to us in September 2010 after a distinguished career with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, having served more than 28 years with Macomb County and two years with the Metro Parks.



Chief Teske provided valuable leadership right from the beginning, having been appointed Chief of Police on September 7, 2010, just 2 days before the Richmond Good Old days Festival, where he literally hit the ground running!! He has done an exceptional job of maintaining personnel, technology and equipment within the Richmond Police Department during a time in which Police Departments throughout the country are facing many challenges.

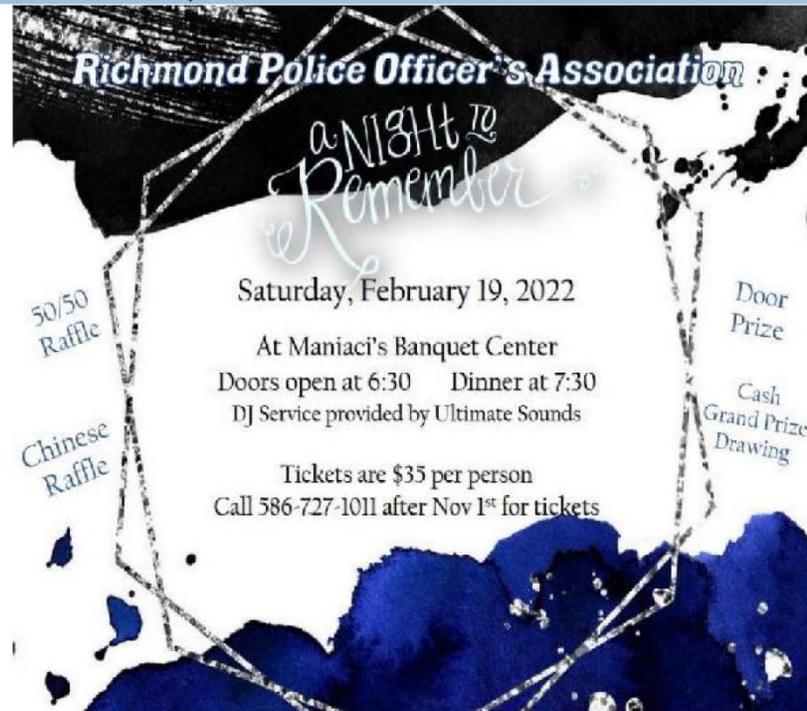
The City Council urges our citizens to join with us in extending to Dave Teske our deep appreciation for his distinguished service as Chief of Police with the City of Richmond Police Department and extend our very best wishes for his continued success in his life's pursuits.



## MAYOR & MAYOR PRO-TEM SELECTED



At the November 8, 2021 meeting, the City Council selected Tim Rix as Mayor and Mike Misteravich as Mayor Pro-Tem



## 2021 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED

At the recent Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Dinner, Rich Weinert was presented the City of Richmond 2021 Volunteer of the Year award by the City Manager, Jon Moore, on behalf of the City Council. Each year the City Council selects a volunteer who they believe to be deserving of the recognition of "Volunteer of the Year". Rich Weinert currently serves on two City Boards that meet monthly, the Planning Commission and the Tax Increment Finance Authority. For many years, Rich has also been a member of the Volunteer group that puts up and takes down the City's Christmas Decorations. Rich also volunteers with RAHGS as a Board of Directors member and Chair of the Long-Term Preservation Committee.

The City's Volunteer of the Year Award is given "in memory of Doug Pentzien who volunteered in the community for many years". Doug's family provided the funds as a memorial to purchase the plaque and have the names engraved for future years.



## BEGINNER'S YOGA

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:00 pm

January 11<sup>th</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

WEATHER REMINDER - If there is no school in the Richmond School District, there is NO Yoga

## 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

Must be 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.

## SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Dining Senior Style is a daily lunch program that provides an opportunity to have a well-balanced meal while engaging in games and activities with peers and other participants.

This program is offered at various locations throughout Macomb County, including our Community Center located inside Beebe Street park in Richmond. The staff works hard to ensure each meal meets the recommended dietary guidelines. Seniors can enjoy a vast array of social activities including card games, seasonal parties, crafts and more.



You must be age 60 or older to participate. Spouses of those 60 and older can participate in the program, regardless of their age. Lunch is served on a "first come, first served" basis, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise noted. A \$3.00 contribution is suggested for each meal. All donations go directly back into the program to help serve more seniors.

We also offer a Meals on Wheels program, which delivers a ready to eat meal to home-bound Macomb County residents who are age 60 or older. Qualified individuals are no longer able to leave their homes on a regular basis without assistance or able to prepare meals.



For more information about Nutrition Services contact:

Phone: 586-469-5228

Fax: 586-469-7839

Office of Senior Services  
21885 Dunham Road, Suite 6  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Email: [seniors@macombgov.org](mailto:seniors@macombgov.org)

When emailing questions regarding services, please include your name, phone number or other contact information, and city of residence. This helps us to serve you more efficiently.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We are always in need of Meals on Wheels drivers! Contact Macomb County at (586) 469-5228 for details on how to sign up.



## ICE RINK AT BEEBE ST. PARK

OPEN DAILY

*\*May be closed at times due to weather and/or ice conditions\**

HOCKEY HOURS

Weekdays: 3-6 p.m. 9-11:00 p.m.

Weekends: 9 a.m.-Noon 3-6 p.m. 9-11 p.m.

FAMILY OPEN SKATING

All other hours not posted for hockey are reserved for individuals and families ONLY.

*Use of this facility is at your own risk. By using the facility, users agree to follow all of the posted rules and regulations and understand that failure to follow these rules and regulations will result in being asked to leave the park or will result in Ice Rink closure.*



## CHILI COOK OFF IS BACK!

The Chili Cook Off is back for 2022! This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 11am-1:30pm at the Community Center in Beebe St Park.

If you would like to participate in this year's event, please contact the Recreation Department at (586) 727-3064. There is a \$10 entry fee. All entries are judged by the public and prizes are awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category.

If you'd like to just come and sample all of the yummy entries, a \$2 donation is requested per guest and is payable at the door.



A special thank you goes out to the family of Ronald K. Rybar for their memorial sponsorship for the Chili Cook Off. Their donation will help provide the supplies and gifts for this event.

## EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Join us on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Easter Egg Scramble at Beebe Street Park. Children can scramble for Easter Eggs scattered throughout Beebe Street Park and will have the opportunity to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



## LOIS WAGNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

35200 Division Rd  
Richmond, MI 48062  
Phone: (586) 727-2665  
Fax: (586) 727-3774

Website:

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

Email:

[lwml@libcoop.net](mailto:lwml@libcoop.net)

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday  
9am - 7pm

Thursday - Friday  
10am - 5pm

Saturday  
10am - 2pm



## JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

The Friends of the Library will be holding a Jigsaw Puzzle Sale on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the library during regular library hours.



## SPRING BOOKS AND MORE SALE

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale from April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in the Lois Wagner Memorial Library Meeting Room. Sale hours are as follows:

- Preview Night: Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m., \$5 entry fee
- Sale opens to the public Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Bag Sale Day is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## LAPSIT & STORYTIME SESSIONS

The library will be holding Children's LapSit for ages 16-36 months on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from January 11<sup>th</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup> and Children's Storytime for ages 3-5 years at 10 a.m. from January 13<sup>th</sup>-March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-registration is not required.



## 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.



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 5, 2022

### GOLF CART REGISTRATION

Register your golf cart today by visiting our website at [www.cityofrichmond.net](http://www.cityofrichmond.net). Under the "How Do I" tab at the top of the page, you can then select "Golf Carts" under the "Register For" column. Print and fill out the registration application and return it with your proof of insurance to the Richmond Police Department.



New golf cart owners - bring your golf cart on a trailer to the Richmond Police Department at 36725 Division Road and an Officer will process your registration application, examine your cart and check your proof of insurance. For more information on how to register your golf cart, contact the Richmond Police Department at (586) 727-4000.

### MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF RICHMOND *MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW* will be held on the dates and times listed below at the city offices located at 36725 Division Rd., Richmond, Michigan, on:

- Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 1pm - 4pm - Organizational meeting only—no protests are heard at this time

To meet with aggrieved property owners:

- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - Noon - 4pm and 5pm - 9pm
- Thursday, March 17, 2022 - 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm

These meetings will be held in-person, preferably by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the City offices at (586) 727-7571 from 8:00am-4:30pm beginning March 1, 2022.

## 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 sideways 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 snow within 3-feet of the curb line. Please notify your snow removal company of this requirement.



## FREE TAX PREPARATION AVAILABLE FOR MACOMB COUNTY VETERANS, INCOME QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS

Macomb County Veterans Services has partnered with Macomb Community Action and the Accounting Aid Society to offer free tax help for local veterans and low-income individuals and families through its IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Services will be available at a variety of locations across the county through appointments and walk-in opportunities.

Individuals can qualify for help if they meet the following criteria:

- Their annual family income is less than \$57,000
- They do not have corporate returns
- They do not have foreign income

In-person appointments can be made through the county's [online scheduler](#) or call 586-463-2537. Virtual appointments can be made by emailing [veteran.tax@macombgov.org](mailto:veteran.tax@macombgov.org), booking through the Accounting Aid Society's [online system](#) or by calling the Society at 313-556-1920.

Walk-in opportunities where no appointment is required are also available at the following locations:

- Macomb County Family Resource Center (196 N. Rose St., Mount Clemens) on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm
- VerKuijen Building (21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 10 Door F, Clinton Twp) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm
- VA Chapter 154 (18025 E. 15 Mile Rd., Clinton Twp) on Mondays from 9am to 2pm

Individuals must have several items with them for service, including identification, income documentation, a letter from the IRS with the total of advance child tax credit, a letter from the IRS showing the amount of the 3rd economic impact payment, proof of expenses, direct deposit information and the past year's completed tax returns.

# RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Use the map and schedule for each year to determine your recycle week as follows:

Streets split by service weeks will be collected on the week indicated (green side one week and gold side the following week). First determine if your residence is located in the green or gold section of the map. The color of the map where your residence is located corresponds to the color on the annual schedule and indicates your recycle week and day for each month and year. Place your recycle cart at the curb on the designated day on the schedule. Waste Management will provide you with a new recycle schedule for dates beyond August 2022.

**PLACE YOUR RECYCLE CART AT THE CURB ON THE SAME DAY AS YOUR TRASH EVERY OTHER WEEK ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE**



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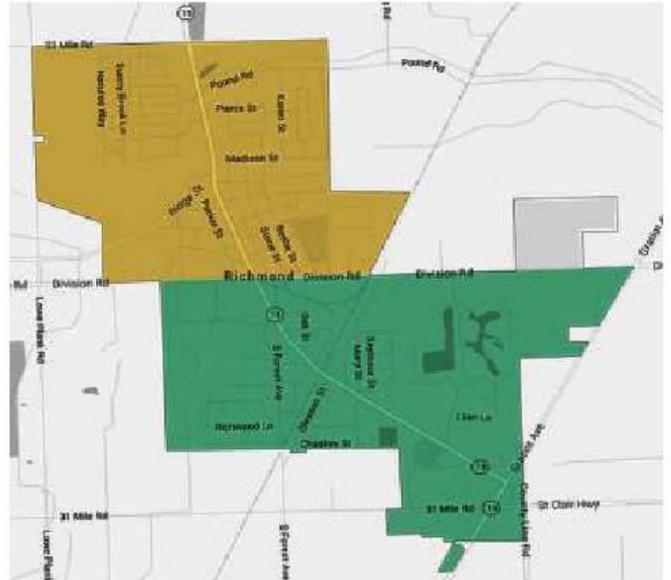
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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No collection service on the following days: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If a holiday is on a Monday through Thursday, service will be one day behind. Service WILL NOT be delayed when the holiday falls on a weekend.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### CURB CARTS

96 Gallon curb carts for trash and additional recycling carts are available for rental. Call (888) 797-9016 to arrange for rental and delivery.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

For Household Hazardous Collections and disposal information, contact the Macomb County Health Department at (586) 466-7923

## COMMUNITY WEBSITES

Richmond Community School District  
<http://www.richmond.k12.mi.us/>

Richmond Community School Athletics  
<http://www.rhsbluedevils.com>

Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society  
<https://richmondhistoricalsociety.org/>

Richmond Area Good Old Days Festival  
<http://www.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.com/>

Richmond Community Theatre  
[www.richmondcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.richmondcommunitytheatre.org)



## IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS

**POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY.....CALL 911**

Police & Fire Non-Emergency.....727-4000

City Hall.....727-7571

City Clerk .....727-7571 x-204

City Assessor.....727-7571x-229

City Treasurer.....727-7571 X-208

City Planner.....727-7571 x-228

Dept. of Public Works.....727-7575

Parks & Recreation Dept.....727-3064

City Manager.....727-7571



## 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](http://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.



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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.cityofrichmond.net) and click the "Notify Me" link.
- Enter you email address and click "Sign In" to begin.

Follow the instructions to customize the communications to your interests.



February 5, 2022	Chili Cook-Off (Sponsored in Memory of Ronald Rybar)
February 28, 2022	Winter Tax Bills Due
March 13, 2022	Daylight Saving Time Begins
April 1, 2022	No Overnight Parking on Any Curbed Streets Ends
April 5, 2022	First Day of Yard Waste Collection
April 9, 2022	Easter Egg Scramble Event
May 16, 2022	Recreation Registration Date for Residents
May 17, 2022	Recreation Registration Date for Non-Residents



## 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.