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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WINTER/SPRING 2023

RICHMOND DPW EMPLOYEE HONORED WITH AWARD

CITY OF RICHMOND

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At the November 21st City Council, Public Service Director Jim Goetzinger presented Steve Gray with the Edward Dunbar Rich Service Award from EGLE. Previously, former DPW employees Jim Franklin and Larry Cottingham also received the award.

The Edward Dunbar Rich Service Award is presented annually by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy in cooperation with the American Water Works Association to employees with 25 years of meritorious and faithful service in the public water works industry. Much of the knowledge utilized to maintain a water system and ensure a reliable and safe drinking water supply is gained through experience. This award is intended to recognize the value of experience in the water works industry.

Steve Gray began his career in the water industry with the City of Memphis DPW. He then worked as an operator at the City of Richmond's Wastewater Treatment Plant before being hired into the City of Richmond DPW in 2005. Since that time, Steve has shown himself to be a valuable part of our team; currently serving as the Crew Leader in the DPW. Regarding the water system specifically, Steve is responsible for daily inspections at each well site where he records water and chemical usage, maintains the chemical feed pumps, and collects water samples. He also performs all distribution sampling throughout the year, handles water meter readings and replacements, responds to all types of resident concerns, and coordinates water main and service repairs; to name a few. All are important to ensure the water is safe to drink and the City continuously meets all regulatory compliance requirements. Steve is the backup Operator in Charge for the City of Richmond.

Steve does a great job representing the City when interacting with City residents. He has helped with many water issues. The City of Richmond has benefited significantly from Steve's intentional desire to perform his responsibilities to the best of his ability and his continued service to the community.



DPW Director, Jim Goetzinger, presents award recipient, Steve Gray, with certificate

WELCOME

RPD HIRES NEW FULL TIME OFFICER



Pictured above: Chief of Police Tom Costello, Officer Jones and Sergeant Kacanowski

The City of Richmond is pleased to announce that Officer John Jones has graduated and has been sworn in as a full-time police officer. John previously worked for the City of Richmond as a part time dispatcher (2020) and also as a reserve officer (2022).

John was sponsored by the City to attend the Macomb Public Safety institute's Police Academy. John finished second in his class; only 0.03 behind top person in the class. Prior to his time in Richmond, John worked as a full-time dispatcher for South East Regional Emergency Services Authority (SERESA), City of Roseville and served in the United States Navy. He will be going through his field training for the next sixteen weeks.



Officer Jones being sworn in by City Clerk, Heather McCallister

CHRISTMAS CASH DRAWING GIVEAWAY

The City of Richmond EDC holds a Christmas Cash Drawing Giveaway every year that promotes shopping local and coincides with the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. For every \$10 spent at participating businesses, from the day after Thanksgiving until the tree lighting, one ticket is entered into the drawing.

This year's winner was Pam Bellhorn, a City resident. She won the Christmas Cash prize of \$500 from tickets that she received while shopping at Hummingbird Home.

The following businesses participated in the 2022 program sponsored by the EDC, TIFA and the Recreation Department:

- The Blue Orchid
- The Commercial House
- Flora's Trash to Treasure
- Green Thyme Workshop, LLC
- Hamilton Bicycles & Outfitter
- Hamlin Pub Richmond
- Hummingbird Home
- Ken's Country Kitchen
- Main Street Mercantile & Co.
- Richmond Flower Shop
- Sew Together
- Shabby Pig Boutique
- Sincerely Susan's Fashion
- Starr Craft Brewery
- Village Café



City Manager, Jon Moore presenting this year's winner, Pam Bellhorn, with her \$500 winnings

**2022 WINTER TAXES
MAILED OUT ON
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

TAX BILL PAYMENT DEADLINE

**THE LAST DAY TO PAY 2022 WINTER AND
SUMMER TAX BILLS AT CITY HALL IS
FEBRUARY 28, 2023.**

**AS OF MARCH 1, 2023, ALL OUTSTANDING TAX
BILLS WILL BE FORWARDED TO MACOMB COUNTY.**

2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED



Award recipient, Lorie Rix,
with City Manager, Jon Moore

At a recent City event, Lorie Rix was presented with the City of Richmond 2022 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". Lorie Rix has been serving on Cable Commission for 30 years, not only sitting on the Commission, but also taking their monthly notes. Lorie has also served on the Recreation Commission; and each year she bakes cookies for the Library Cookie sale.

Lorie was appointed to the Richmond Good Old Days Festival Committee in 1979. She has served on the executive committee for 30 years, serving as Festival Treasurer for almost that entire time. Lorie has been the chair of the Little Miss Richmond contest for many years. Each year coordinating the Little Miss Contest during the festival. She then is in charge of all of the Little Miss appearances throughout the year such as the Easter Egg Hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, participating in the Santa Parade, lighting the Community Christmas Tree and handing out the gift boxes to all the children visiting Santa.

Lorie also continues to volunteer at Trinity Lutheran Church and has served as a past member of their alter society.

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.

GOLF CART REGISTRATION

Register your golf cart today by visiting our website at 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.

NEW DROP BOX AT CITY HALL

For the convenience of our residents, a new **drive-up** drop box has been installed at City Hall. The box is located on the island of the roundabout, across from the front entrance to the building. No more having to get out of your car on cold or rainy days to drop off your payments!!



The new drop box was purchased with Covid Relief Grant dollars.

2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW – MEETING SCHEDULE

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, MI:

To meet with aggrieved property owners:

- Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Noon-4:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm
- Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 9:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-6:00pm

These meetings will be held in-person by appointment. These appointments may be made by calling the City offices at (586) 727-7571 from 8:00am until 4:30pm beginning March 1, 2023.

All appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Board of Review petition form (L-4035) available at www.michigan.gov/treasury. Taxpayers are also able to appeal by letter; however, letter appeals must be received by 4:30pm on March 16, 2023.

See *Notice of Assessment* for instructions on obtaining the Board of Review petition form, which will be mailed out at the end of February, or contact the Assessor at ccargo@cityofrichmond.net or at (586) 727-7571 ext. 229.

RICHMOND PARKS &

BEGINNER'S YOGA

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:00 pm

January 9th - May 24th

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 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

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

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.



RECREATION

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.



2023 CHILI COOK-OFF

This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 4th 11am-1:30pm at the Roosevelt Civic Auditorium (The AUD).

If you would like to participate in this year's contest, please contact the Recreation Department at (586) 727-3064. There is a \$10 entry fee. All entries are divided into one of three categories (home cook, public service, or service group) and are judged by the public. Prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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 helps to provide the supplies and gifts for this event.

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Join us on Saturday, April 1st for the Annual Easter Egg Scramble at Beebe Street Park. Children can scramble & search for all the Easter Eggs that are scattered throughout the park. They will also 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

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday
9am - 7pm

Thursday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Saturday
10am - 2pm



JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

The Friends of the Library will be holding a Jigsaw Puzzle Sale on Saturday, March 25th 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 19th-22nd in the Lois Wagner Memorial Library Meeting Room. Sale hours are as follows:

- Preview Night: Wednesday, April 19th from 5-7 p.m., \$5 entry fee
- Sale opens to the public Thursday, April 20th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, April 21st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Bag Sale Day is Saturday, April 22nd 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 10th until February 21st and Children's Storytime for ages 3-5 years on Thursdays at 10 a.m. from January 12th until February 23rd. Pre-registration is not required.



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.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 4, 2023

2022 MACOMB COUNTY CITIES & VILLAGES MILLAGE RATE COMPARISON*

LocalUnitName - SchoolName	Homestead	NonHomestead
City of Centerline - Center Line Pub Sch	66.5882	72.0742
City of Eastpointe - South Lake Sch	65.5695	81.3195
City of Eastpointe - Eastpointe Comm Sch	63.7901	80.6880
City of Warren - Center Line Pub Sch	63.5163	69.0023
City of Roseville - Roseville Comm Sch	57.7042	75.7042
City of Centerline - Van Dyke Pub Sch	57.5178	75.5178
City of Warren - Van Dyke Pub Sch	54.4459	72.4459
City of Mount Clemens - Mt. Clemens Comm Sch	54.4328	72.3029
City of Warren - Fitzgerald Pub Sch	53.9460	71.2201
City of Roseville - Fraser Pub Sch	53.5042	71.5042
City of Warren - Warren Woods Pub Sch	53.0613	69.2502
City of Warren - Warren Cons Sch	52.4237	67.3533
City of Warren - Eastpointe Comm Sch	51.2862	68.1841
City of Mount Clemens - L'Anse Creuse Pub Sch	49.6328	67.2684
City of Saint Clair Shores - South Lake Sch	49.3833	65.1333
City of Saint Clair Shores - Lakeview Pub Sch	48.7790	66.6755
City of Saint Clair Shores - Lakeshore Pub Sch	48.2790	65.6017
City of Saint Clair Shores - L'Anse Creuse Pub Sch	48.2790	65.9146
City of Fraser - Fraser Pub Sch	47.8910	65.8910
Village of Armada (Armada Twp) - Armada Area Sch	46.4004	64.4004
Village of Romeo (Bruce Twp) - Romeo Comm Sch	45.7750	63.7750
City of Grosse Pointe Shores Village - South Lake Sch	44.6774	60.4274
Village of Romeo (Washington Twp) - Romeo Comm Sch	44.1588	62.1588
Village of New Haven (Lenox Twp) - New Haven Comm Sch	42.8841	60.8841
City of Sterling Heights - Warren Cons Sch	41.7124	56.6420
City of New Baltimore - Anchor Bay Sch Dist	41.2327	59.2327
City of Utica - Utica Comm Sch	40.6213	57.3721
City of Memphis - Memphis Comm Sch	40.6174	58.6174
City of Richmond - Richmond Comm Sch	40.4837	58.4081
City of Sterling Heights - Utica Comm Sch	37.7500	54.5008

*2022 rates listed are subject to change until final on February 1, 2023

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.

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.

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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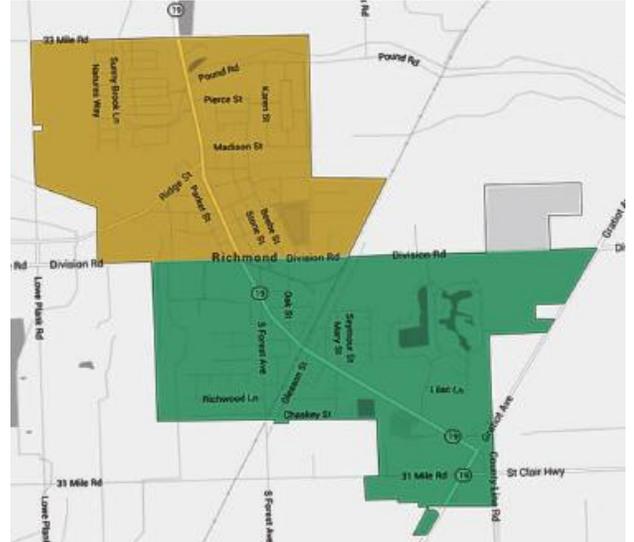
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No collection service on the following days: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), 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



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, 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.

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 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.



February 4, 2023
February 28, 2023
March 12, 2023
April 1, 2023
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April 4, 2023
April 9, 2023
May 22, 2023
May 23, 2023
May 29, 2023

Chili Cook-Off (Sponsored in Memory of Ronald Rybar)
Winter Tax Bills Due
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Easter Egg Scramble Event
No Overnight Parking on Any Curbed Streets Ends
First Day of Yard Waste Collection
Easter Sunday
Recreation Registration Date for Residents
Recreation Registration Date for Non-Residents
City Hall, Community Center & Library Closed for Memorial Day



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.