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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2025

EMERGENCY WEATHER AND FIRE SIRENS

CITY OF RICHMOND

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Siren Location and Purpose:

There are a total of four sirens in the City of Richmond. They are located at:

- Water Tower – Severe Weather Siren
- Lake Angela near Division – Severe Weather Siren
- Fire Hall on Main Street – Fire Siren & Severe Weather Siren
- Oak Street south of Main Street – Fire Siren & Severe Weather Siren



The sirens located at the Water Tower and Lake Angela are only utilized to notify the public of potential severe weather.

The two sirens at the Fire Hall and Oak Street are utilized for both severe weather and for emergency fire runs of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department. These two sirens are also used for the noon whistle Monday – Saturday.

Siren Activation during Severe Weather -

A long steady wail (a continuous high-pitched siren) for three minutes

As a reminder the Severe Weather Sirens will be set off by Macomb County for the following reasons:

- Tornado warning as issued by the National Weather Service for our area
- Severe thunderstorm warning accompanied by winds 70 mph or greater as issued by the National Weather Service for our area
- Tornado and/or funnel cloud sightings that have been verified by a reputable source

Macomb County Emergency Management activates the severe weather sirens throughout Macomb County the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm as a test of the system. For more information on severe weather, you can also visit their website at: <https://www.macombgov.org/PublicEducation>

Siren Activation for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department -

An up and down wail/siren that varies louder and softer as it sounds.

There are several reasons for sounding the two fire sirens when the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department has emergency calls.

The RVFD is completely volunteer and the Fire Hall is not maned. When we receive a fire call the Volunteers respond to the hall in their personal vehicles (equipped with lights and sirens) and then to the call in the fire apparatus. The sirens are activated from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm to let pedestrians and drivers know to watch out for emergency vehicles as volunteers respond. This is particularly important in our downtown commercial areas where both pedestrian and vehicle traffic are greater. Although volunteers receive paging and radio messages for each call, the siren is a backup for members that may not have that equipment.

Severe Weather Shelters

Whenever enough advanced notice is provided on a severe weather event, the Richmond Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department will activate emergency weather shelters. There are 2 shelters that will be open if necessary. Trinity Lutheran Church on Division (next to the Library) and First United Methodist Church (next to the Fire Hall).

UPCOMING ELECTION

The next election scheduled in the City of Richmond will be on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025 from 7am to 8pm.**

Residents that live north of 32 Mile Road will vote at **Precinct 1:**
The Richmond Community Center
(located in Beebe Street Memorial Park)
36164 Festival Drive

Residents that live south of 32 Mile Road will vote at **Precinct 2:**
Richmond City Hall
(inside City Council Chambers)
36725 Division Road



Registered electors will be electing four (4) City Councilors (each with a 4year term) and for the purpose of voting on a Local School Bond Proposal.

Absent voter ballots are now available for voters. To request an absentee ballot please visit <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>, Richmond City Hall, 36725 Division Rd., or call 586-727-7571 to acquire an application.

Last day to register to vote by mail or online is October 20, 2025. New voter registration applications, between the dates of October 21, 2025 – November 4, 2025, must be applied for and processed **in-person only** at City Hall, 36725 Division Rd. with valid identification.

**ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2025
POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

RVFD OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, October 5, 2025

Richmond Fire Hall
69465 Main Street

12pm - 3pm

- Bake Sale
- Obstacle Course
- Extraction Demonstration
- Fire Trucks on display

FREE LUNCH

- Hot Dog
- Chips

Pop/Water

Other Family Activities

Macomb County Sheriff's Dept, the Richmond PD & the Richmond-Lenox EMS will also be onsite during this event.

CITY OF RICHMOND TRICK-OR-TREATING Friday, October 31, 2025

6-8pm



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

WINTER TAX BILLS

WILL BE MAILED OUT & AVAILABLE ON THE CITY OF RICHMOND WEBSITE ON DECEMBER 1, 2025



Congratulations to RLEMS on their 50th Anniversary. Pictured above is Mayor Tim Rix presenting a City Council resolution to EMS Chief Jeff White at their 50th Anniversary Event, held in Beebe Street Park on Saturday, August 24, 2025.

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 AND LEAF PICKUP

Yard Waste:

- Curbside yard waste is collected on Mondays 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 must be marked with a "Yard Waste" sticker or by clearly writing "Yard Waste" on each can.
- 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.



FINAL DAY FOR YARD WASTE PICK UP IN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

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**

BURN PERMITS

The City of Richmond Fire Department requires that you get a Burn Permit any time you are going to do an open burning.



OPEN BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE

Permits can be obtained at the Richmond Police Department or on the City website. Under the "How Do I" tab at the top of the page, under the "Apply For" column, select "Burn Permit" and then click on the underlined "Burn Permit" link and fill out the online form. Please all rules and regulations on the City website. You must be 18 years or older to obtain a burn permit. During a dry period, the Fire Department may have a ban on open burning & will not issue any permits.

- Campfires must be kept less than 3 feet in diameter & less than 3 feet in height. Fires can be ground pits, mesh grills, and/or fireplaces.
- It must be located more than 50 feet from any structure.
- Permits will be issued for 4 days.
- Residents may have a small camp or cooking fire for recreation.
- The camp fire must be attended at all times.
- The camp fire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall not emit any obnoxious odors or smoke.
- There is to be no burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage, sawn, or processed wood.

NOTIFY ME

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

- Go to [the City website](#), scroll to the bottom & click the "**Subscribe to Notify Me**" link.
- Enter you email address and click "**Sign In**" to begin.

Follow the instructions to customize the communications to your interests.

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 & grandchildren from having to walk in the street. We ask everyone to work together to keep our children & 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 & driveways into the travel portion of any street, doing so is a violation of the State Motor Vehicle Code & you may be cited and fined. Place the snow in the public median (between sidewalk & 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.



Home for the Holidays

Santa Parade & Community Tree Lighting • Saturday, December 6th

- 2:00pm-7:00pm - Kris Kringle Market at Maniaci's
 - 5:30pm - Santa Parade begins. Christmas Carols at the Veterans Memorial pocket park
 - 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 at Maniaci's (Digital photos \$10 each or take your own)
- Every Child who visits Santa will receive a small gift from Little Miss Richmond & her court.

SANTA PARADE APPLICATIONS

Santa Parade applications are available online, at City facilities or you can also request an application by emailing: richmondparade@comcast.net



GOLF CARTS ARE ALLOWED OUT PAST SUNSET FOR THE PARADE!

Santa Parade Applications will be mailed to all City of Richmond registered golf cart permit holders.

RAHGS UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY EVENING IN THE VILLAGE

Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 3:30-5pm

Visit with Mrs. Claus in the historic barn, share a book & snacks in the Donley Cabin, join a sing-along in The School Section School. Smart bus transportation will be available to and from the Historic Village. Visit the village, then hop on a bus to downtown for the tree lighting, parade, and a visit with Santa during Richmond's "Home for the Holidays" event.



Shop at any of the participating businesses between Friday, November 28th and Saturday, December 6th 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 6th 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 years 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.



Lois Wagner Memorial Library

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

Website: <https://www.cityofrichmond.net/Library> • Email: lwml@libcoop.net

Hours: Monday - Wednesday 9am - 7pm • Thursday - Friday 9am - 5pm • Saturday 10am - 2pm

FALL BOOK SALE

October 16th-18th, 2025

Thursday 4-6 pm

(Early Bird night! \$5 to enter; free refreshments.)

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

(Bag Sale Day! \$3/bag)



At Lois Wagner Memorial Library
35200 Division, Richmond

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
All profits benefit the Lois Wagner Memorial Library

FALL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Lapsit Plus: Ages 16-36 months

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

September 16th-October 7th

October 21st-November 4th

Preschool Storytime: Ages 3-5 years

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

September 18th-October 9th

October 23rd-November 13th



DECEMBER

PUZZLE COMPETITION

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

10 a.m. Check In, 10:15 a.m. Start

Library Meeting Room

\$5 per team



Teams of 2-4 contestants will put together a 500-piece puzzle alongside rival teams-the team that finishes first wins a prize! Light refreshments will be provided.

Please pre-register for each competition by calling the library at (586) 727-2665. Spaces are very limited, so don't delay!

MITTEN TREE COLLECTION

November 1st-December 12th, 2025

The library will be collecting new gloves, mittens, scarves & hats for both children and adults this holiday season. The items may be homemade or purchased, and can be brought to the library during operating hours beginning November 1st. Items will be distributed to local charities after collection.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Cookie Drop Off

Lois Wagner Memorial Library

Thursday, 12/11 • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cookie Sale

Library Meeting Room

Friday, 12/12 • 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.



Bakers Needed!

If you are interested in baking, please contact the library at (586) 727-2665 or sign up online at www.cityofrichmond.net/library. Call to set up an alternative drop off time if needed! All proceeds benefit the library.

Allergen, gluten & sugar free items welcome!

All proceeds benefit the Library.

READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS

September 2025 - April 2026

This fall, the library will be offering a fun way to challenge kids to keep reading throughout the school year with the Reading Dragons & Friends program!

This simple program, for those ages 5 and up, encourages kids to read by rewarding them with cards for every 30 minutes read. At sign-up, they'll receive a paper tracker and three starter cards, which they can use to play games or just collect. Special edition cards will be added year-round, but it'll be the luck of the draw! Card selection is random.

Participants can collect up to 16 cards a month. Sign-up and materials will be available starting Monday, September 15th, and the program will be ongoing through April 2026.



FREE COVID TESTS

Reminder: The library has free COVID tests available! If you are feeling ill, give us a call at (586) 727-2665 to get them curbside.

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Tuesday, 11/11: Closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, 11/26: Library closes at 5 p.m.

Thursday, 11/27-Saturday, 11/29: Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, 12/24-Saturday, 12/27: Closed for Christmas

Wednesday, 12/31-1/3: Closed for New Year's

CITY OF RICHMOND

NO TRICKS, ONLY TREATS

FRIDAY, October 31st • 6:00-8:00 pm

★ **NEW LOCATION** ★

**N. Main Municipal Parking Lot
69245 Main Street**

Kids, come join us for trick or treating and a chance to visit "The Count".

The RVFD will provide treats and hot chocolate at the Richmond Fire hall & the Police Department will be there to check candy throughout the event.



SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST

Individuals, families, businesses, clubs and organizations may enter. This is a great opportunity to display your business, club or organization's information.



Forms can be found on the City of Richmond website. **\$10 entry fee.** Completed registration forms are due by October 11th and can be dropped off or mailed to Recreation Dept. at

36164 Festival Dr. Richmond, MI 48062 or can be emailed to parksandrec@comcast.net.

Gather your group and put your creative minds to work...all while having FUN!

SENIOR FITNESS

FUNctional Fitness

This *FUN* class will keep you strong, independent & improve balance & coordination while increasing strength & flexibility

Monday & Wednesday • 9:30-10:30 am

\$8.00 per class

October 6th - October 29th

November 3rd - November 19th

December 1st - December 17th

Young @ Heart

Get your heart pumping in this energizing cardio class that will keep you movin' & groovin'

Friday's • 9:30-10:30 am

\$8.00 per class

October 10th - October 31st

November 7th - November 21st

December 5th - December 19th



Christmas is right around the corner and it's almost time for area Children to write those letters to Santa!!

Letters can be placed in the RED mailbox located in the Veteran's Memorial pocket park, by the Community

Christmas Tree & Santa will mail or email your child a message!

If you wish to receive an emailed copy of the sample letter, please call the Recreation Dept at (586) 727-3064 or email Santa at santa.richmond.office@gmail.com

BEGINNING YOGA

Mondays & Wednesdays • 6-7 pm

Monday, September 29th - Wednesday, December 10th

\$8 drop in/ per person OR Purchase a 6-class punch card for \$40!

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

No Classes on November 3, 5 & 10



HALL WALKING

At Richmond Lee School

Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays

6pm - 8pm

At Will L. Lee Elementary School

November 4, 2025 - April 16, 2026



Drop in Fee - \$1 per person

Discount Punch Card - \$12 for 15 punches

*The Program is **CANCELED** on any days that the Richmond Community School cancel*

 **DaySmart**
Recreation

The Richmond Recreation Department now has the ability to offer online registration for recreation programs. Once registration begins in May, families will be able to register and pay for their programs online through their online account.

Scan the QR Code at the right or go to <https://tinyurl.com/Richmond-Recreation> to create your online account



PARKS & RECREATION

At the AUD

OPEN GYM

Open gym is returning, beginning Sunday, October 12th

Teen Open Gym at the Aud

Every Sunday 2:00-4:00 pm

COST: \$3.00 per person

Adult Open Gym at the Aud

Every Sunday 5:00-7:00 pm

COST: \$4.00 per person



Parking located directly behind the Aud off of Division Road
68931 Main Street. Richmond

*We reserve the right to cancel programs due to
inclement weather conditions

TOY SALE

Saturday, November 15th • 9am



Set up will be Friday, November 4th, 6-8pm

TABLE SPACE AVAILABLE

REGISTER SOON

(prices vary depending on table size)

Bring in any gently used/unused kid's toys, puzzles, video games,
stuffed animals, or any toy of your choice to sell!

SQUEAKY SNEAKERS

Sports Sampler

Mondays & Wednesdays
December 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th

12:30pm-1:15pm

\$35/participant

Participants in this preschool/kindergarten activity will learn some
sport basics, while having fun doing physical activity. Each day will
be a new skill or sport, and the goal is that participants learn
something new by the end of the session.

Scan the Daysmart QR Code at the left to
register. Or for more information, please
call the Aud at (586) 430-4950 or email
richmondrecreation.rca@gmail.com



PICKLEBALL HALLOWEEN

Costume party at the Aud Wednesday, October 29th
9am-12pm

Come dressed up in your best costume
and play some pickleball at the Aud
\$4/person or punch cards available for
\$45
Silver Sneakers & Onepass patrons
accepted



EUCHRE IS BACK!

All dates are Saturday's
Beginning Saturday, October 25th

50/50 raffles

Snacks & beverages provided

\$10.00 per person entry .25¢ per Euchre
(bring 8 quarters with you)



EUCHRE

DROP IN PICKLEBALL

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am-12pm

Thursday • 5-9pm

\$4/visit • \$48 punch care available

There is only 1 net, so court is first come, first serve. Pickleballs
and paddles are available for visitors to use.



BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 17, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Aud • 68931 Main Street

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
sponsor code: **richmondaud** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-
733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes
by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-
donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.



RENT THE AUD FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!

Host your next meeting, birthday party or special event at the Roosevelt Civic
Auditorium! For rental information, please contact (586) 430-3950 or
email richmondrecreation.rca@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY YOUR TAXES & UTILITIES ONLINE?

You can use Credit or Debit cards with the Mastercard, Visa, Discover or American Express logos OR make Electronic Check payments online. The Electronic Check option requires inputting your routing number and either your savings or checking account number.

Convenience fees for these payment methods are as follows:

Credit or Debit Card - 3% of total amount, minimum of \$2

Online Electronic Check:

- \$3 flat fee for any amount UNDER \$10,000
- \$10 flat fee for any amount OVER \$10,000

If you would like to sign up for online bill pay or enroll in automatic payments (in which the City will debit your account directly eliminating a paper check being mailed by your bank), visit the City of Richmond website at www.cityofrichmond.net, look for the "How Do I" heading and select "Pay...Utility Bills". If you have any questions, please call (586) 727-7571 and ask for the City Treasurer.

IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY.....CALL 911

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

City Hall.....727-7571

City Clerk727-7571 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



COMMUNITY WEBSITES

Richmond Community School District

<http://www.richmond.k12.mi.us/>

Richmond Community School Athletics

<https://websites.eventlink.com/s/rhsbluedevils/>

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

Northern Macomb Regional Chamber of Commerce

<https://www.northernmacombcc.com/>



October 5th RVFD Open House (12-3pm)

October 31st Halloween – No Tricks, Only Treats (NEW LOCATION!) & Trick-or-Treating 6-8pm

November 2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4th Election Day – Polls Open 7am-8pm

November 11th City Offices, Community Center & Public Library closed for Veteran's Day

November 24th Yard Waste Collection Ends

November 27th Thanksgiving Day

November 27th & 28th City Offices, Community Center & Public Library closed for Thanksgiving

December 1st No Parking on Any Curbed Streets Begins (Cars should be off of the streets 3 am to 6 am)

December 6th Home for the Holidays Event – Santa Parade & Community Tree Lighting

December 24rd - 26th City Offices, Community Center & Public Library closed for Christmas

Dec 31st - Jan 2nd City Offices, Community Center & Public Library closed for New Years

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.