



# Council Newsletter

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**Retired, have time on your hands and like volunteering?  
Want to Build Bridges between YOUR community and school?**

Then N.R. Elementary needs YOU!

NRE is starting a program, Book Bridges; building bridges between home and school among 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. We are also looking for help with third graders. Volunteers are needed to work with students and provide opportunities to build reading skills.

Book Bridges operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:40 A.M. Third grade times are negotiable. If interested, pick a day, and please contact Misty Cresap at 553-3181 x15310 or Terry Miller at 553-3181 x15001. THANK YOU from the staff and students at NRE!

## N.F.I.P.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP offers flood insurance to communities that comply with minimum standards for floodplain management. Through the National Flood Insurance's Community Rating System Program (CRS) flood insurance reductions are awarded. The village goes beyond the minimum standards that are required of the program. The village preserves open space in the floodplain, enforces standards for safe development and informs people about flood hazards. The village is rated a class 8, which means all flood insurance policies receive a 10% premium discount. More information about the NFIP, CRS & flood related issues can be obtained at [www.newrichmond.org](http://www.newrichmond.org) or call 553-4146.



### From the Community Development Office

With 2012 upon us the New Richmond Planning Commission is undertaking the task of updating the village's Comprehensive Plan. The current plan was prepared and adopted by council in 1998 and needs reviewing for possible updating.

A comprehensive plan is an important tool to for our community. The village's plan will focus on many components including: economic development initiatives, residential development, recreational opportunities and downtown revitalization. Once completed, the comprehensive plan will help guide the village's future growth.

As the planning commission begins this task, input from village residents is imperative. If you feel that you would like to assist the planning commission with reviewing the plan or simply attending work sessions please contact the community development office at 553-4146 or via email at [richmond.gov@fuse.net](mailto:richmond.gov@fuse.net)

### HELP IS NEEDED!

If you are interested in joining the Volunteer New Richmond Group to help complete community related projects contact Jim Hempfling at 553-3097 or email [anndee\\_45157@yahoo.com](mailto:anndee_45157@yahoo.com)

### LOCAL OFFICIALS

Ramona Carr	Mayor
Vinnie Cochran	Council
Richard Feldkamp	Council
Richard Hilt	Council
Rich Mathews	Council
Paul Vanderbosch	Council
Nick Wolf	Council

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There are many volunteer boards working behind the scenes which are very important in helping the village operate. The village's volunteer board include: board of appeals, planning commission, landmark commission, parks and recreation, home repair board, shade tree commission, land reutilization committee, community reinvestment area board and the newly formed Volunteer New Richmond Group. On behalf of the entire village government we extend our gratitude for your time and dedication to the Village of New Richmond.

We have opportunities available for residents looking to serve the village. If you are interested, please contact me at [mayorcarr@fuse.net](mailto:mayorcarr@fuse.net). Let's make 2012 a great year for the Village of New Richmond!

Thanks!

*Ramona Carr, Mayor*

Questions or comments about the Village?  
E-mail Paul Vanderbosch at [nrcouncil.paulv@fuse.net](mailto:nrcouncil.paulv@fuse.net)

**OBC Soup Kitchen**  
232 Front Street  
**OPEN - 6 P.M.**  
the last 7 days of the month  
**Free & Everyone is Welcome**

**VILLAGE HALL**  
**CLOSED**  
Mon. Jan., 2 - New Years  
&  
Mon. Jan., 16 - Martin L. King Jr.

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Bring this AD & Get **\$5 OFF** an order of **\$20** or more.  
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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Motions Passed:** Minutes from Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>; Approve a Front St. Commercial Rehab grant for 100 Front St.; Approve contract with Cornerstone Development for demolition of foundation walls at 220 Columbia St.; Approve fire/injury prevention project.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance:** 2011-26 Establishing rent to be paid by the Utility Dept. Enterprise Funds to the General Fund. 2011-27 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 8, 9, 10 & 11; 2011-28 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 12 & 13; 2011-29 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 14, 15 & 16.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance:** 2011-23 Establishing Salary Distributions.

**Ordinances Passed:** 2011-25 Amending the 2011 Appropriations & declaring an emergency.

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Motions Passed:** Minutes from Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Approve guardrail for River Valley Blvd; Appoint Ramona Carr and Richard Hilt to Volunteer Firefighters' Dependency Fund Board for 2012; Extend time frame to commence business operations an additional six months to Green Kayak Market, 204 Front St.; Approve expenditure for security system for Police Department; Approve payment of bills for Nov.; Approve year-end bonus for employees.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances:** 2011-26 Establishing rent to be paid by the N.R. Utilities Dept. (Enterprise Fund) to the Village of N.R. (General Fund); 2011-27 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 8, 9, 10 & 11; 2011-28 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 12 & 13; 2011-29 Amending the Zoning Ordinance – Sections 14, 15 & 16.

**Ordinances Passed:** 2011-31 Amending the 2011 Appropriations & declaring an emergency; 2011-30 Adopting fees for emergency medical services provided by the village, Rescinding 2010-43 & declaring an emergency; 2011-33 Amending cost for Mayor's Court; 2011-32 Approving the 2012 Temporary Appropriations & declaring an emergency; 2011-23 Establishing salary distributions.

**Personnel:** Resignation of Mark Wolf, volunteer firefighter.



### SHORT HILL

Just a reminder as winter weather approaches, Short Hill Road will occasionally be CLOSED during snow emergencies and icy conditions. This closure is only temporary and is done for the safety of everyone.

### BE INFORMED!

Regular Council Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open for the public to attend and held at Village Hall, 102 Willow Street. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. On occasion meetings need to be postponed, canceled or rescheduled. Please call 553-4146 by 4 p.m. on the day of a meeting to check any meeting cancellations.



### SAVE THE DATE!

DESTINATION ARTISTS 2012  
Sat & Sun  
January 28 & 29  
10am - 5pm each day  
[www.destinationartist.com](http://www.destinationartist.com)

### FREE CO Detectors

New Richmond Fire and EMS is providing FREE carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to New Richmond-area residences that utilize fossil fuels (fuel oil, natural gas, LPG, and coal) or wood for heating or cooking. Please call NRFEMS at 513-553-2117 or visit the 300 Hamilton Street fire station to obtain your detector today, while supplies last. There is a limit of two detectors per living-unit.

Excess funds from a 2010 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and a donation from the New Richmond Life Savers group were used to purchase nearly 300, Kidde plug-in CO detectors with battery backup. This injury prevention effort by NRFEMS replaces a distribution program operated for many years in conjunction with the American Red Cross that ended in December.

### CPR and First Aid Courses

NRFEMS will host American Heart Association CPR and first aid courses on Saturday January 21, 2012 at the New Richmond Village Hall located at 102 Willow Street. The CPR course begins at 9:00 AM and the first aid course at 12:30 PM. Pre-registration is required by calling 513-553-2117. For additional information or future course dates visit [www.nrfems.org](http://www.nrfems.org).

### Energy Savings Project

In effort to control rising energy costs, the fire and EMS department is upgrading fluorescent light fixtures in its two stations with newer-technology, electronic ballasts and bulbs. This \$2,000 project is being completed "in-house" by the department using knowledgeable personnel already on-duty. An independent energy audit indicated the investment would pay for itself in less than two years after completion through lower electric costs.

### ANGEL'S REST

#### Animal Sanctuary

*HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT ANGEL'S REST*

Thank you for making our first full year in existence as a 501(c)(3) a success. While we are still small and fairly new, we are amazed at our accomplishments and we owe it all to you, our donors and supporters.

In 2011 we were blessed with not one, but two vehicles: a used van from Kroger and the new 2012 Toyota Highlander which you, our faithful supporters, helped us win. Also this year we were the recipients of DogBreedsInfo.org's RESCUE AWARD recognizing our excellence in providing "under privileged" dogs critical care and a homey place to live.

Next year will be a bigger year still and we have ambitious plans. We hope to open "Dog Village" so we can increase the number of intakes and lives saved. While "Cat Village" is now in operation and we are housing some dogs there, a dedicated building for dogs is what we will strive for in 2012.

Thank you to Mayor Carr and the village for their continued support. Thank you to Front Street Cafe, Cut-N-Up Salon & Spa and V. Cochran Plumbing for helping us throughout this year. Thank you to all who donated goods for our mini thrift store for resale, supplies/food for the animals and funds so that we could continue our operation.

Don't forget we rely on the kindness of others so that we can continue our work. If you need a last-minute tax deduction, please consider making a monetary donation or a donation of items (new and used) that we could sell in our thrift and virtual stores. All contact information can be found at

[www.angelsrestanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.angelsrestanimalsanctuary.org)

THNAK YOU for your support!



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