



Council Newsletter

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VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE

Fri., Sat. & Sun.

Sept. 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

No Permit Required

Yard Sale Signs Are To Be Placed ONLY On Your Own Property!



Village Hall

CLOSED

For Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 5th.

ANTIQUE FAIR

Historic N.R. Inc. is hosting an

Antique & Craft Fair

Sunday, September 11th.

along Susanna Way near the

Bandstand. For booth space, details or reservations call 543-9149 or email

lshuck@fuse.net.

SEPTEMBER CONCERTS

All concerts held at the Bandstand

9/6 Oola Kahn Grotto 7:15PM

9/11 Memorial Concert 6PM

9/24 Shall We Gather At The River 10AM

Flood Warning System

In the event that flood conditions are imminent, a flood warning will be issued by the National Weather Service

(www.nws.noaa.gov) or local authorities and will be broadcast over the local radio stations. If conditions are judged threatening to you or your property, Village Council will take proper steps to declare an emergency.

Local radio stations will keep you informed of the situation. Information will be posted on the village's web site and community sign. For more information on evacuation, safety and preparation, visit the N.R. Public Library and ask for the publications dealing with flood safety. The primary alert stations for the village are 700 WLW, 88.7 WOBO & Time Warner Cable.

INCOME TAX

On Jan. 1, 2010, the Village enacted a 1% municipal income tax that is imposed on all individuals & business entities residing, working or doing business within the village.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) is administering the municipal income tax for the village. R.I.T.A. is responsible for the collection of the tax and serves as the village's agent in this capacity. If you have any questions regarding tax obligations, call R.I.T.A. at:

1-800-860-7482,

1-866-721-7482 or

1-866-750-7482.

or visit www.ritaohio.com.

TRASH COLLECTION

Due to the outbreak of pests; customers with a large item that needs to be collected must call Rumpke by 12 noon the day before scheduled collection to make a request inquiry. Any item that is suspected to be or is infested with pests must be wrapped and sealed in plastic to be collected. For a large item pick up request, please call Rumpke at 1-877-786-7537. Any large item that is set out without an advance request made through Rumpke will have to be promptly disposed of by the property owner.

Utility Drop Box

The utility payment drop box is emptied daily at 8 a.m. Payments placed in the drop box after 8 a.m. will NOT be processed until the next business day.

5K RUN RESULTS

The 15th Annual Scott McDowell Memorial Run drew over 300 participants this year. The overall winner was Steven Stoffel with a winning time of 17:24. Great job Steven! On behalf of the kids, **THANKS** for supporting the Boys & Girls Club!

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 26th

Motions Passed: Minutes from July 12th; Accept the reports of the Planning Commission & set public hearing for Sept. 13th.

Ordinance Passed: 2011-11 Amend Zoning Ordinance – Minimum Landscaping Requirements.

Resolutions Passed: 2011-19 Authorizing the Village Administrator to submit a State Issue II, OPWC grant application for the Water Reservoir Main Replacement Project & committing a local match & declaring an emergency; 2011-18 To proceed to levy an additional tax exceeding ten-mill limitation.

August 9th

Motions Passed: Minutes from July 26th; Reduce maintenance and performance bonds at River View Bluffs; Approve unclaimed bicycles for auction; Approve street closings for Riverdays; Approve payment of bills; Approve liquor license transfer for Rivertown Market.

1st Ordinance: 2011-13 Amending the Personnel Policy - outside employment
Resolutions Passed: 2011-20 Authorizing the sale during calendar year 2011 of municipally owned personal property which is not needed for public use, is obsolete or unfit for which it was acquired for, by internet auction, pursuant to ORC 721.15(D) & declaring an emergency; 2011-18(as amended) To proceed to levy an additional tax exceeding ten-mill limitation.

Personnel Issue: Hire Jonathan Martin – Fire/EMS.

CPR & FIRST AID COURSE

NRFEMS will host American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) & first aid courses on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th.

CPR class begins at 9A.M. and will be held in the 2nd floor council meeting room of Village Hall, located at 102 Willow St. First aid class follows at 1:00 PM.

Pre-registration is necessary by calling 553-2117. For complete information and future course dates visit www.nrfems.org.

STRUTT YOUR MUTT

PRESENTED BY



Sunday, September 25th

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

along Front Street

For more information & details visit

www.TriStateCART.com

or call 513-702-8373.

Citizen Of The Year

During the recent

Riverdays Mayor Carr presented the 2011 citizen of the year award to Jill Cochran. Long time village resident, Jill has continually dedicated her time and energy to the village and specifically our youth. Whether coordinating the 5K race, hiding eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, helping with ReadyFest or assisting with the village's downtown revitalization efforts, Jill never says no when asked to help.

A bench honoring Jill's award will be placed in the Rose Vesper Park along with her name being added with past recipients to the citizen of year board at Village Hall. On behalf of the entire village government, citizens and especially our youth, thanks Jill!



Eagle Scout Receives Award

At the August 23rd, Council meeting, David Judd received a Meritorious Services Award from Mayor Carr. David completed an "Extreme Makeover" of

Haussermann Park on Front Street as his Eagle Scout project.

He coordinated the significant renovation of the riverside park. The project David and his fellow scouts completed included new signage, the installation of a concrete walkway, replacement of the wood on the park benches and the renovation of all the flowerbeds. The village has been very fortunate to have many Eagle Scout projects completed.

Thanks David the park looks great!



From the Community

Development Office

Village Council has placed a road levy on the Nov. 8th ballot. The 2.5 mill levy will generate about \$148,000, although this amount will be reduced with the closing of the Beckjord Power Plant and the triennial property value updates by the County Auditor. By law, road levy funds must be used only for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repairs of streets, road and bridges within the village's corporation limits.

The village is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 87,200 linear feet or 16 ½ miles of roadway. Additionally paving cost continues to increase. For example, the recently completed Front Street resurfacing project from 12 Mile Bridge to Vine St. totaled \$41,950. In terms of some future projects the estimated cost to resurface Old US 52 from the library to the corporation limit is \$103,460, the entire distance of Indian Ridge, \$51,180 and Willow St. from Rose Vesper Park to the Skate Park \$22,000.

While the village has been successful in securing grant funding for many projects, grants for road resurfacing projects are rare. Since 1990 the village has spent an average of \$35,000 annually in general fund revenue for street resurfacing projects, this does not include patching. With the size of the village and the residential growth we are observing, additional funds must be dedicated to street resurfacing to assure our roads are properly maintained.

In an effort to allow residents the opportunity to discuss the road levy Dave Kennedy, Village Administrator will be available at Village Hall every Tuesday beginning September 13 at 6:00pm. for an informational open office time to discuss the levy. If this time does not work, email Dave at richmond.gov@fuse.net to make other arrangements.



SLOW DOWN

School Is Back In Session

NRFEMS Mourns Loss

New Richmond lost a dedicated village employee with the death of part-time NRFEMS member Gary Bender on August 21, 2011 at age 57. He leaves his wife (former NRFEMS deputy chief) Teresa and sons Keith and Brent.

In February Gary celebrated his seventeenth anniversary with the NRFEMS. In addition to being a top-notch pre-hospital caregiver and co-worker, Gary also willingly offered his skills in truck maintenance, carpentry, electric, plumbing and other areas to keep things around the station operating and save money. "Gary always had a long list of repairs and projects to do," says NRFEMS Chief Mark Baird. "The things he fixed for us would probably add-up to tens of thousands saved by the village over his career." He added, "Gary lived in Felicity but he always had a fondness for New Richmond and he really enjoyed working here. We are going to miss him dearly."

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The closing of the Beckjord Power Station coupled with changes in the state budget leave us facing some very significant financial challenges. When all the dust settles the village is looking at a potential decrease in revenue of over \$500,000 a year. To deal with these challenges I am creating a "Financial Advisory Task Force". The task force will consist of six residents that will work with council and village staff to create a financial plan to deal with these challenges.

Tough decisions lie ahead for the village. Cuts are inevitable, and having the involvement of residents in the decision making process is imperative. The residents I am selecting represent all corners of the village. The meetings will be open to the public and minutes will be placed on the village's website. Although the task force is only six residents we hope to hear from all residents through the process.

Please take time to contact me at mayorcarr@fuse.net with any thoughts or comments.

Thanks!

Ramona Carr, Mayor