

Council Newsletter

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License Your Dog For 2017!

If you own a dog, don't forget to get your 2017 dog license from Clermont County! A tag costs \$16.00, and is the easiest way to ensure that you are reunited with your pet if it strays. 2017 tags are on sale at various locations in the county during the December and January. You can find out more at the Clermont County Auditor's website: www.clermontauditor.org, including all the locations where tags are sold. #LoveYourDog #LicenseYourDog



COUNCIL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS

December 13, 2016

MOTIONS PASSED: (A) to Approve minutes of November 22nd; (B) to pay the bills (C) to increase the pay of reclassified Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Tucker from \$12.00 to \$13.00 hourly with a probation period of 6 months (D) to extend Officer John Karl's probation the length of needed sick time (E) to adopt Option #2 for the pay raise for the Police Department effective the first pay period of January 2017 (F) to adopt Ordinance 2016-12 An ordinance approving the 2017 Temporary Appropriations (G) to adopt Ordinance 2016-13 An ordinance amending the 2016 appropriations (H) To adjourn at 8:20 PM
FIRST READING OF ANY ORDINANCE:
THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF ANY ORDINANCE:

Ordinance 2016-12: An Ordinance Approving the 2017 Temporary Appropriations
Ordinance 2016-13: An Ordinance Amending the 2016 Appropriations

Upcoming Events

**New Richmond
Commemorates the 80th
Anniversary of the 1937 Flood
Shares Memories of the 1997 Flood**



NR Branch Library January-March 2017
The exhibit will be available for viewing during normal library hours.

Special Presentations

January 21st 10-11 AM:

Interactive Youth Program

January 30th 6:30-7:30 PM:

Adult Overview of Ohio River Flooding

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As another year passes and we say goodbye to 2016, I wanted to wish all residents and friends of New Richmond a happy, healthy New Year. May 2017 bring with it peace and prosperity as well as good health to all.

On behalf of all members of village government, I wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to our Fire & EMS Department and our Police Department for keeping us safe.. Each member of the village staff deserves thanks for continued efforts both in the past and in the future to do more with fewer resources.

2017 marks the anniversary of two devastating Ohio River floods. It serves as a reminder that the people of New Richmond have survived tough times in the

past. The 1937 flood occurred during the Great Depression. Many homes and businesses were destroyed. The village suffered a similar fate as a result of the 1997 flood. We are still dealing with the effects after 20 years. But river folk are a determined lot. With the hard work and determination of our people I am hopeful that New Richmond's best days are ahead of us. I wish you, your family and all those whom you love, a Happy, Healthy 2017.

Ramona Carr, Mayor



From the Fire/EMS Chief:

Winter Fall Prevention



& Safety Tips

When winter snowflakes fall, so do people. One of the most threatening winter hazards is the potential to slip and fall on patches of ice and snow, causing serious injuries including lacerations, broken bones, and even traumatic brain injuries.

Prevention Tips

- **Plan ahead.** Plan your trips out around the weather. If you don't need to go out, don't. Wait for the weather and sidewalks to clear.
- **Allow yourself enough time to get where you are going.** Your chances of falling increase when you are running late and rush.
- **Take the path of least resistance.** Look for the safest route to your location, AND the safest route into the building. Choose alternate routes when necessary. For example, if the sidewalk or entrance you typically use is icy, find a different route that perhaps has been shoveled or has better sunshine for melting.

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- **Ask for help.** Have someone help you cross the street or navigate an icy patch.
- **Be your own advocate.** If entrances or sidewalks are not safe, ask people to help remove the snow or use deicer. Businesses and property managers can help eliminate the dangers.
- **Choose the right shoes.** Be aware of your footwear and choose the boots or shoes that give you the greatest traction. Pay attention. Walk consciously. Be alert to the possibility that you could quickly slip on an unseen patch of ice. Avoid the temptation to run to catch a bus or beat traffic when crossing a street.
- **Heed parking lots.** Be extra careful getting in and out of your car. Hold on to your door or car as you get out to give yourself extra support. Watch for cars stopping and sliding in parking lots.
- **Keep your vision sharp.** Poor vision can make it harder to get around safely. Have your eyes checked every year and wear your glasses or contact lenses to help you see the most clearly.
- **Walk like a penguin.** When walking on ground that is slippery from ice and / or snow, take short, shuffling steps, curl your toes under and walk as flatfooted as possible.
- **Keep your hands free.** Wear gloves so you can keep your hands out of your pockets to help you balance. Avoid carrying heavy loads or children that may cause you to become off balance.
- **Remove snow immediately.** Keep your porch stoops, steps, walks and driveways free of ice by frequently applying ice melting granules. This is the best way to prevent formation of dangerous ice patches. Waiting for it to melt can sometimes take days!



Do you enjoy gardening? The Village has many parcels of land that would be perfect for a community garden and looking for a group of people who would be interested in a community garden. This group would be responsible for the creation and care of the garden(s) but everyone would be welcomed to help. There are so many possibilities with a garden that need to be put into focus of what this community needs or wants. The idea of a raised garden(s) has been brought up as one possibility. If that is the direction to go then some carpenters to help build the frames for the garden(s) will be needed. A great resource would be the Clermont County Extension Office to help with ideas for the garden(s). This is a great way to get fresh fruits and vegetables into our community for free. A farmer's market could be created also for other farmers in the area to sell their products.

If there are 5 or 6 interested persons to help create a plan then a meeting will be held to further discuss the possibilities. If you are interested please contact the Administration Office at 553-4146 ext. 13 and leave your name and phone number.

Dani Speigel



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Local Flood Hazard

The majority of the Village is located within the 100-year floodplain. A floodplain area is defined as "Any normally dry land area that is susceptible to being inundated by water from any natural source. This area is usually low land adjacent to a river, stream, watercourse, ocean or lake." If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged.

You can check the Ohio River Levels on the Internet. Go to the web site; www.newrichmond.org, scroll down to the middle of the page, and click on River Level. The five-day forecast for the Ohio River at Cincinnati will have the gage height readings in feet, which will correspond with your estimated 1st. floor flood level of your residence. If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 553-4146.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM FloodSmart.gov
The official site of the NFIP
Call toll free: 1-888-379-9531



Directory
If you would like your New Richmond Based Business placed on our Village Business Directory please contact Kelly Painter at 513-553-4146 ext. 11 or email your information to:
kpainter@newrichmond.org

From the Community Development Office

Here are several good reasons to buy local:

1. **Get Better Service** – Local businesses tend to appreciate their customers, knowing that we all have a choice of where to shop. Often, the staff is knowledgeable about the products they sell and provide better customer service. If a local business does not carry a particular item or brand you prefer, ask them if they can stock it for you.
2. **Reduce Environmental Impact** – When you purchase locally, you save on fuel costs. In good weather, you can save even more and get some exercise by walking to the local store. Online shopping most often results in a lot of

packaging material. Most local purchases don't require as much protective wrapping. You can further reduce the environmental impact by bringing your own bag.

3. **Invest in the Community** – Many local business owners live in New Richmond. Their residence here increases their commitment to and investment in the community.

4. **Jobs!** – Small local businesses provide jobs for residents and are one of the largest employers nationwide. Shopping locally keeps people right in our own community in jobs.

5. **Build Community Pride** – Local businesses contribute to the positive character of the community, making New Richmond a great place to live, work, and play. When you shop at a local business you like, share the information with your friends from other areas and let them know how much you enjoyed the service, meal or product you purchased here. Your friends just might visit

the business in the future, and your community pride will have generated more contributions to the local economy.

6. **Support Community Groups** – Local businesses generally support non-profits and community causes more vigorously than big businesses. They are more likely to give back to the community.

7. **Put Your Taxes to Good Use** – Purchases almost always include a measure of local taxes, and shopping locally keeps your tax dollars in New Richmond and working for you, your family and your neighbors.

Consider a renewed commitment to support your New Richmond businesses in the coming new year. Successful businesses attract more successful businesses, resulting in a greater place to live, work and play.