

Council Newsletter

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Drainage System Maintenance

Flood season is once again upon us. One of the many activities the village conducts in an effort to lessen flood damages is the protection of our creeks and ditches.

We encourage all village residents to do their part by not dumping anything into ditches or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug a channel necessary for handling rainwater. Every little bit helps!

Dumping in ditches or streams is a violation of Village Ordinance 1992-49. To report any dumping or debris in the ditches or streams, call the Public Works Dept. at 553-2954.

BE INFORMED!

Get important notices, advisories, updates and other community information.

Sign up for NIXLE at www.nixle.com or text zip code 45157 to 888777.



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ANNUAL NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL & LITTER

This is notice that the owner(s), or any other person, firm or corporation, having the care of any lot or land within the village shall cut down and remove there from all offensive and noxious weeds, vines and grass of a height of eight inches or more and any and all weeds, vines and grass constituting a threat to the public health, safety, comfort or welfare. The requirement is to have the weeds, vines or grass on your property cut and destroyed by:
April 15, May 1, 15, June 1, 15, July 1, 15, August 1, 15, Sept. 1, 15, Oct. 1 and 15.

Failure to comply with Ordinance 2007-34 will result in further action. The entire ordinance is available at Village Hall.



Brush collection starts annually the last full week of the month beginning this year on April 25 and ending on Oct. 28. All brush must be placed at the curb for collection. No limbs longer than 8' and 3" in diameter will be collected. Limbs exceeding the allowable size will be left at the curb for the owner to dispose of at their own expense. Please do your part to keep our community beautiful!

TREE CITY USA!

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named New Richmond a Tree City USA! This is the **13th** year that the village has received this national recognition!



VILLAGE HALL

CLOSED

Monday, February 15th
Presidents' Day



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 12th

Motions Passed: Approve minutes of Dec. 8, 2015; Release Maintenance Bond #B-0294528 to Freedom Homes for the storm water/detention basin & road surfaces in the amount of \$21,855; Payment of the bills.

1st Reading of Resolutions: 2016-01 Authorizing the sale during the calendar year 2016 of municipal owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired by internet auction, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 721.15 (D).

3rd Reading & Passage of Resolutions: 2016-02 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio Development Services Agency and Declaring an Emergency. 2016-03 Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement for construction, maintenance and operation of a wastewater project, including a loan agreement between the Village and the OWDA and authorizing the Administrator to sign all documents required.

Personnel: To change Jesse Kidder from part-time to full-time; Change John Karl from auxiliary to full-time both for the NR Police Dept. at the pay rate of \$14.50 per hour; Accept the resignation of Jim Lungmus in good standing effective 1/12/2016; Accept the retirement of Linda West effective 1/31/2016. Hire Natasha Simmons & Sarah Mitchell as paid per call Fire/EMS Dept. employees.

N.R. Soccer registration at www.nrsoccer.org



From the Community Development Office

Does your home or business have a Flood Plan in the event of a flood or other emergency? If not, it is highly advised that you develop one *before* Ol' Man River rises out of his banks.

A flood plan is simply the advance methods your family or business has put together to help you respond quickly in the event of a flood near your property. Planning in advance can afford you extra critical time when a flood is coming, and can help you increase the odds of protecting your valuable documents, your real estate, and your personal property – including cherished belongings. A “rapid-response” plan can be as simple as a one-page plan that answers the following questions:

1. **How will we find out about a coming flood?**

The first part of a Flood Plan is putting you in a position to get advance warning of an unfolding situation. Large scale flooding on the Ohio River and local tributaries may occur over many hours or several days, but flash floods can strike in minutes. In the Village of New Richmond the backwaters of Twelve-Mile and Little Indian Creeks will reach many properties before the river reaches Front Street. Signing up for flood alerts and monitoring weather patterns and local conditions are important steps. Melting snow coupled with heavy spring rains are a typical cause of large scale Ohio River flooding. Summertime thunderstorms are often the cause of flash floods, but such events can happen any time of year.

- Sign up for NIXLE, the village notification system at nixle.com.
- Monitor National Weather Service Flood Forecasts [Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)
- You can also follow your local weather forecast: [NWS local forecasts](#)
- FEMA has general [flood hazard maps](#) online, which serve as a starting point for determining your property's relationship to nearby waterways.

2. **At what river level does our property begin to flood?**

First, determine “What's Your Number?” This means visiting the National Weather Service's Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Services website to learn the flood stage at the stream gage nearest you. The river level at which water reaches the threshold of homes within the flood plain in New Richmond is published on your water bill. You can also get the number by calling 553-4146. If you are new to the area it is worth talking to neighbors to find out how high the river was during recent floods, and at what point flooding began in your neighborhood. Each neighborhood and

each property has its own unique terrain and placement to consider when determining this factor, and it is safest to err on the side of caution. Give yourself plenty of time to evacuate.

3. **Where is our family emergency kit located? What does it contain?**

Preparing your household for a flood involves steps that will help you be prepared for many different types of disasters. An emergency kit might include first aid supplies, a 3 day supply of non-perishable food, bottled water, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries and flashlights. Also, personal items like rubber boots and a rain jacket, warm clothes plus hygiene and sanitation products can be very helpful.

4. **How will we learn about evacuation orders?**

Evacuation orders will be communicated through Nixle, local media and through the village web-site www.newrichmond.org. Make a commitment to follow evacuation orders the first time, to prevent emergency personnel from having to return for a rescue when travel is no longer safe.

5. **What access roads can we use to evacuate in the case of rising waters?**

Research indicates that the majority of flood-related fatalities occur as cars become trapped on roads that are known to flood. Talk to neighbors, emergency personnel and others to determine which access roads to your home flood and when. Know what roads you regularly travel and whether or not they will flood, and plan alternate routes when needed.

6. **What steps should we take to prepare our property?**

Research the flood-proofing options available to you. Can you install a quick-disconnect furnace, or elevate electrical and mechanical equipment? Are there steps you can take to alleviate pressure on your structure if flooding does occur, to prevent extensive damage to doors and windows?

7. **Where should our family meet if we are separated during a flood event?**

Is our child's school or spouse's workplace in a flood zone, or are access roads subject to flooding? If so, what provisions should we make for their safety?

Other Considerations

- A written plan is essential for helping individuals and households to think through important issues in advance. You should also investigate whether there are similar plans in place for work, daycare and school and see how they work with your plan.
- Expect roadways to be blocked. Using a cell phone (sparingly, so as not to clog the network), you can determine whether other friends and family are safely sheltered where they are, and whether it is safer to wait out the storm than to risk

dangerous travel across town through flood-prone roads.

- Remember, the most common things people regret planning to save are: pets, photographs, and computers. Can you pack all these in a vehicle and drive to high ground in time?

Helpful Terms

- **Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information and check the flood alert sites on the Internet.
- **Flash Flood Watch:** Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.
- **Flood Warning:** Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- **Flash Flood Warning:** A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground immediately.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Personnel/Finance Committee of council has recently held special meetings, with fiscal officer Lynn Baird and department heads to discuss the 2016 appropriations and loss of revenue.

Due to changes in state budget and the closing of the Beckjord power plant the Village may face a reduction of tax revenue of almost \$300,000 per year by 2018. This is in addition to the \$40,000 reduction in Local Government Revenue experienced by all municipalities which began in 2013.

The impact on the village will be significant and we are working hard to plan for the changes this will bring to village government and the services we provide. Cuts are inevitable and changes in how the village operates will certainly occur in the near future.

As always I look forward to hearing from the residents and any suggestions that you may have. I can be contacted at mayorcarr@fuse.net

Thanks!

Ramona Carr, Mayor