

Council Newsletter

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MAYORS MESSAGE

Hello to all. I hope this finds each and every one of you safe and healthy.

I would like to take this time to send out a big thank you to all of our first responders, the New Richmond Police Department and the Fire/EMS Department, for their unfailing service during this time of crisis. I truly believe our community will pull through this pandemic stronger than before.

Stay well, stay strong and keep the faith.

Glenn Ewing, Mayor

Beginning with this edition, the Village Newsletter will be available online at:

www.newrichmond.org

And on our Facebook page:
Village of New
Richmond@ontheohio

ANNUAL NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL & LITTER

This is notice that the owner(s) or occupant, or any other person, firm or corporation having the care of any lot or land within the Municipality 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. It is a violation of Ordinance 2019-09 if weeds, vines and/or grass eight inches or more in height exist on any lot on any of the following dates: April 15, May 1, May 15, June 1, June 15, July 1, July 15, August 1, August 15, September 1, September 15, October 1 or October 15.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

To view Council Minutes, go to
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Zoning News

Did you know all zoning permits and forms are available online at
www.newrichmond.org?

We accept payments for the permits via the Official Payments portal:
officialpayments.com

Jurisdiction code is: 8457

Or, you can pay via phone by calling toll-free: **1-800-272-9829**

Need plan reviews or have zoning questions ... contact the Zoning Office Mondays and Wednesdays:

Phone: 513-553-4146 ext. 13

Fax: 513-553-7699

Email: agephardt@newrichmond.org

**Planning & Zoning
Administrator,**

Andrew Gephardt



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From the Fire/Ems Chief:

New Richmond Fire & EMS is committed to safety and well-being of the residents that we serve. We also have a duty to protect our responders dealing with the public health crisis at hand. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we are implementing a new, temporary operational plan to best serve the residents of New Richmond.

The following changes have been implemented:

- The New Richmond firehouse and squad buildings will be closed to the general public. If you have a medical emergency, please call 911. We ask that residents do not drive to the stations for assistance.
- All inspections of local businesses and residences are suspended.
- All public relations requests and details by the fire department are cancelled, this will include station tours, community public relations events, CPR classes and first aid classes.
- All medical transports will be to the closest most appropriate facility.
- We will only allow a family member to accompany a patient to the hospital in very specific situations.

All hospitals in the region have rules regarding visitors in the hospital setting including

Emergency Rooms, check with that hospital to find out their rules before leaving for the ER.

Please remember if you call 911, to advise the dispatcher if anyone in the house has a confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19 or has symptoms of it. Please answer the questions fully and cooperate with the dispatcher as they are screening high risk calls for COVID-19 and relaying that information to the responding units. You may also be instructed to meet the crew outside if possible.

New Richmond Fire & EMS is committed to the community and residents we serve. We are in very uncertain times with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to see the community come together to help neighbors and business continue to thrive in these difficult times. We have compiled a list of agencies that are assisting during these hard times. On this list are ways you can also help during this time. New Richmond residents are very strong and caring residents. We all will get through this!

Need help?

Clermont County Mental Health
528-SAVE

United Way - Utility Bill Assistance, Food Assistance, Rent Payment Assistance Phone Number - *211

Clermont County Senior Services - Food Assistance, Personal Care Items: 513-724-1255

Clermont County Children's Protective Services - 513-732-7867

Salvation Army - Food Pantry, Case Management 513-732-0450

New Richmond Food Pantry - Emergency Bag of groceries 513-553-3800

Want to help?

Clermont County Senior Services - Accepting donations to help Clermont County Seniors 513-536-4022

New Richmond Project Lunchbox - Accepting donations of easy meals, easy Mac, Chef Boyardee, soups, etc. To donate drop off at Connection Point Church (215 Columbia St, New Richmond). Hours Monday - Friday 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

New Richmond Food Pantry - accepting donations of non-perishable food items: 513-553-3800



Fire/EMS Chief,
Vince Bee



From the Police Chief:

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Village of New Richmond is continuing to work around the clock to provide core services to residents. We appreciate your ongoing support during this unique situation.

Essential Services Continue

Residents are reminded that several essential services remain open or approved at this time. This includes restaurants offering pick up or delivery as well as construction.

These essential businesses, operations and related services will remain open:

Police stations, Fire stations, Hospitals/clinics and healthcare operations, Human service operations, Community-based organizations that provide meals and social services, Jails/Prisons, Garbage/sanitation, Transportation, including airports, Utilities: Water, power, gas, etc., Public works, Gas stations, Pharmacies, Food, Grocery stores, Food banks, Convenience stores, Restaurants for: Delivery, take-out, curbside delivery, Banks and financial institutions, Laundromats/laundry service, Funeral services, Hotel and lodging, Hardware and supply stores, Critical trades such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, security personnel etc., Post offices and other shipping services.

Scams Online and in Person

When a global phenomenon impacts people on a large scale, including natural disasters or pandemics, there is often an increase of opportunistic criminal activity on the internet. The bad guys are preying on your fear and sending all sorts of scams related to COVID-19.

Residents are reminded to be guarded when it comes to:

Downloading items from unknown websites, Opening emails from an unknown sender

Phishing emails that appear as though they are from a trusted organization including the CDC or WHO, fake charities etc.

How you can stay safe from online scams:

NEVER click on links or open attachments from an email that you were not expecting, If you receive a suspicious email that is impersonating an official organization, report the email., If you want to make a charitable donation, go to the website or contact the charity of your choice directly, instead of clicking on links in emails.

Door-To-Door Scammers

If someone comes to your house that you don't know – don't answer. If you feel unsafe or witness suspicious behavior, call 9-1-1.

Disposing of Medical Waste

Residents have reported seeing used gloves that have been littered onto the ground in public spaces. Residents are reminded to dispose of medical equipment appropriately, by placing items directly into the garbage. Please remember that maintenance workers will be exposed to unnecessary dangers when having to clean up your medical litter. Please take a moment to dispose of your garbage safely and properly.

Personal Protection Equipment Donations Accepted

New Richmond Firefighter/Paramedics and Police Officers continue to accept donations of Personal Protective Equipment, or PPE, including surgical gloves, surgical gowns, face shields, eye protection, and surgical or N-95 respirator

masks, as well as disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. Items MUST be new, unopened, unused, and in their original packaging. Items may be brought to the New Richmond Police Station.

What you CAN do while maintaining

social distancing: Go to the grocery store or pharmacy, Pick up food from local restaurants. Shop local and support your local businesses! Contact your local restaurant to see if they are providing pick up or delivery. Receive medical care, call a plumber or electrician, go to the bank, post office, or gas station, enjoy an open space, including trails or parks. (Playgrounds are closed.), Take a walk, run, or bike ride

What you cannot and should NOT do:

- Buy more than you need
- Dine-in at restaurants or bars, go to the gym, salon or barber shop
- Travel for non-essential (above listed) purposes, gather in groups, ignore social distancing.
- While exercising outside, you should still practice social distancing by running or walking at least six feet away from other people.
- Go out or interact with other people if you're sick.

It's important to remember that the Stay at Home Order is in place to protect your friends, neighbors, and vulnerable populations. The purpose of the order is to significantly restrict your outside movement to only essential outings, to help stop the spread of the virus.

New Richmond Police and Fire are your neighbors and we are all in this together.

*Chief of Police,
Mike Couch*

Flood Insurance

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because New Richmond participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed up by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because the bank required it when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some flood proofing, the next flood could be worse. Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect.

The Village participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) Program. This program allows for the Village to participate in flood protection measures up and above the enforcement of our floodplain regulations and allows the residents to receive a 10% discount on flood insurance.



Call Toll Free: 1-888-379-9531

Flood Safety

In the event of a flood certain precautions should be taken:

- Never walk through water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, especially during flash floods.
- Do not drive through a flood-ed area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around barriers. This means the road is closed to all traffic and you are subject to a citation.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical lines. The number two flood killer, after drowning, is electrocution. Some appliances, such as television sets keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.
- Clean everything that gets wet.



Flood Proofing

There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage.

Some ways to keep the water away are by re-grading your lot, building a small floodwall, or earthen berm. These methods work if your property is not in the floodway.

Another approach is to make your walls are waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep.

Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this so the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for a minimal fee. If your sewers only backup when there is flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or a backwater valve.

OPEN BURN RESTRICTIONS

As a reminder open burning is **NOT** permitted inside the village limits except by a permit issued through the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. AQMD is the designated representative of the Ohio EPA on matters of open burning in southwestern Ohio, including Clermont County & New Richmond. Exceptions for cooking, warming fires and construction purposes exist, but check the regulations first.

The Village of New Richmond does not issue open burning permits locally and will issue citations for violating open burning laws. The village does recognize permits issued by AQMD. For additional information visit: <http://www.hcdoes.org/>

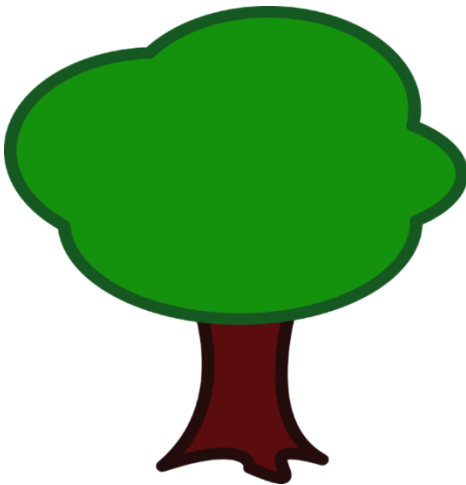
Air Quality Hotlines

24-hour (513) 946-7777

Toll Free (800) 889-0474

Air Quality Index - 946-7753

Mold & Pollen Count - 946-7753



BRUSH PICK-UP

The Village supplies brush pick-up for properties associated with a monthly trash collection bill. (* with limitations) Brush collection begins the last week of April and ends with the last week of October.

If you wish to have brush collected please stack it at the curb in a neat pile no more than 3 days prior to the last week of the month. Brush collection is scheduled for the last full week of the month. Wet conditions at the brush dump may delay pick-up.

Call the Utilities office at 553-4146 ext. 17 if you have any questions concerning brush pick-up.

*Brush should be no longer than 10 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter. Anything larger will be left for you to dispose of in another fashion at your own expense. When having trees trimmed please be considerate and have the brush hauled away.