

Village of **NEW RICHMOND**

# Quarterly Newsletter

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## Mayor's Message

Greetings to all. Hopefully, everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Fall is in the air; the temperatures are falling and the leaves on the trees are changing. The beauty of it all is welcomed. Now more than ever.

Soon the autumn holidays will be upon us. Halloween is right around the corner. It's an event many children (and parents) look forward to and we plan to allow trick or treating, with a friendly reminder that folks need to practice social distancing at least 6 ft apart. New Richmond Village trick or treating is scheduled Oct 31, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m.

And next comes Thanksgiving, a day to spend time with loved ones and appreciate all of our blessings. With this past year of quarantine and so many restrictions, we definitely need to spend time with loved ones and count our blessings.

Speaking of blessings, our community has had so many volunteers working in the last year to beautify our local parks and riverfront! Thanks so much for your hard work Renaissance New Richmond! Our Front Street looks amazing! The hanging flowers, as well as the autumn decor are gorgeous! We owe a huge thank you to the Garden Club ladies as well! I cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate your hard work and dedication to keeping our village beautified with lovely flowers!! I know that I would love to see this growth continue. Our little town is going places and I cannot be more excited.

Also, we will be hosting a trunk or treat and movie night on October 24th at the bandstand again. The movie showing is Adams Family. Trunk or treat starts at 5:00 pm and the movie starts at 7:30. Free popcorn!! Please bring your own chairs and blankets. And once again please practice social distancing.

I want to send out a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped clean up the local parks and decorating the gazebo's with fall decor. Everything is so lovely. Our village has truly been blessed with great people who love our community.

Finally, I want to send out words of encouragement for anyone who is struggling during this difficult year. Our community is strong, and our villagers are dedicated to this place they call home. Sending love and blessings to all.

*Glenn Ewing, Mayor*



## From the Fire/EMS Chief

### Carbon Monoxide Silent Killer

With the changing season we would like to remind everyone of the dangers cold weather can bring about. One great concern is carbon monoxide poisoning caused by improper heating or faulty appliances.

Unsafe gas appliances produce a highly poisonous gas called carbon monoxide (CO). It can cause death as well as serious long term health problems such as brain damage.

#### Remember six main symptoms to look for:

- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Breathlessness
- Collapse
- Loss of consciousness

Being aware of the symptoms could save your life. Carbon monoxide symptoms are similar to flu, food poisoning, viral infections and simply tiredness. That's why it's quite common for people to mistake this very dangerous poisoning for something else.

#### Other signs that could point to carbon monoxide poisoning:

Your symptoms only occur when you are at home. Symptoms disappear or get better when you leave home and come back when you return.

Others in your household are experiencing symptoms (including your pets) and they appear at a similar time.

#### What should I do if I experience any symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

Get fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows; turn off gas appliances and leave the house. See your doctor immediately or go to the hospital - let them know you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning. They can do a blood or breath test to check. If you think there is immediate danger, call 911 and the Gas Emergency Helpline. Get a Gas Safe registered engineer to inspect your gas appliances and flues to see if there is a dangerous problem.

#### What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous substance produced by the incomplete burning of gas and liquid petroleum gas (LPG). This happens when a gas appliance has been incorrectly fitted, badly repaired, or poorly maintained. It can also occur if flues, chimneys, or vents are blocked. Oil and solid fuels such as coal, wood, petrol, and oil can also produce carbon monoxide.

#### What is carbon monoxide poisoning?

Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when you breathe in even small amounts of the gas. When you breathe in carbon monoxide, it gets into your blood stream and prevents your red blood cells from carrying oxygen. Without oxygen, your body tissue and cells die.

Levels that do not kill can cause serious harm to health when breathed in over a long period of time. Long term effects of carbon monoxide poisoning include paralysis and brain damage.

Such long term effects occur because many people are

unaware of unsafe gas appliances and subsequent gas leaks.

#### How do I avoid a carbon monoxide leak in my home?

Your home may show signs of carbon monoxide. Any one of the following could be a sign there is carbon monoxide in your home:

- The flame on your cooker should be crisp and blue. Lazy yellow or orange flames mean you need to get your cooker checked.
- Dark staining around or on appliances.
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out.
- Increased condensation inside windows.

If you have a faulty appliance in your home, it could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. Get your gas appliances checked to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Stay safe!

**Fire/EMS Chief,  
Vince Bee**



*Halloween*

**Oct. 31**

**6 – 8 p.m.**



## From the Chief of Police

With the holidays fast approaching, I'd like to share with you the following safety tips.

### Banking...

- Monitor your accounts on a regular basis for unusual activity and report questionable transactions to your financial institution or creditor immediately.
- Report the loss or theft of debit and credit cards as soon as possible to prevent fraudulent spending on your cards.
- Never carry the PIN to your ATM or debit card on your person. If your wallet or purse is stolen, the thief now has access to your funds.
- Never let anyone borrow your debit or credit cards. If they make purchases that you did not intend, you will be liable for their spending.
- If carrying cash, place cash in the front pants pocket of your slacks, jeans, or trousers. Also, minimize the amount of cash you carry.
- Carry the smallest purse you can. Cross-body bags and wristlets are ideal when shopping in crowds. A large purse is a target. If you must carry a larger bag, keep it tucked close to your body.

### Shopping online...

- At this time of the year, fraudsters "spooF" or impersonate legitimate web sites and email senders to get your personal and financial information.
- Purchase only from reputable websites with secure checkout.

- Never open attachments or click on links embedded in unsolicited emails. If you are interested in the potential offer, manually enter the web address for the retailer versus clicking on a link or attachment.
- Be wary of offers with better-than-advertised sale prices and discounts. This is a common trick to get you to open a malicious email.
- If you are uncertain about the sender of an email you can hover your mouse over the sender's name and it will reveal who the actual sender is.
- Be wary of emails that have misspellings or grammatical errors. This is common in online fraud.
- Always be suspicious of an email that asks you for money, be it for a family member, friend, or a charity. Contact the named individual directly.
- Legitimate entities such as your financial institution, creditors, or government authorities will **never** ask you for your personally identifying information or banking credentials in an email.
- A common scheme is to send an email implying there is a problem with your account or that if you do not respond to the email you could face criminal penalties or possible arrest. This a ploy to get you to reveal personal information such as name, date of birth, SSN and contact information, bank account and credit card infor-

mation, or online banking credentials.

- Utilize the "preview pane" feature in your email to avoid opening suspicious emails.

### Personal (Physical) Safety...

- Always be aware of your surroundings as you do your holiday shopping.
- Check around your car before entering. Is someone lingering? Is there more than one person? If so, go back into the store or building.
- Be careful not to overload yourself with bags. Not having your either of your hands free can make you a more attractive target.
- Never shop alone. There is truth to the old adage of "safety in numbers".
- Shop during the day if possible. If you must shop in the evening, park in well-lit areas.
- Carry your keys in your hand to avoid searching for them, they also double as a weapon.
- Lock your doors upon entering the vehicle. Do not sit too long in the parking lot.
- If you feel threatened, call the police. Locate store or mall security for an escort to your vehicle.

*A little planning and an extra dose of caution can ensure a safe and happy holiday for you and your family. From your friends at the New Richmond Police Department*

**Chief of Police,  
Mike Couch**



## From the Planning & Zoning Director

Did you know all zoning permits and forms are available online at [www.newrichmond.org](http://www.newrichmond.org)?

We accept payments for the permits via the Official Payments portal: [officialpayments.com](http://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: Email: [agephardt@newrichmond.org](mailto:agephardt@newrichmond.org)

**Planning & Zoning Administrator,  
Andrew Gephardt**

Phone: 513-553-4146 ext. 13 Fax: 513-553-7699

### FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENT

In order to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions, the Village of New Richmond has adopted a Flood Damage Prevention ordinance.

The Village of New Richmond participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. A zoning/floodplain permit is required prior to any development, use change, improvements and/or alteration to a structure or property located within the corporation limits of the village. A permit is to ensure that all zoning and floodplain code requirements are met. In part, these regulations state how new building sites are permitted to be developed within the flood hazard areas in the village.

Always check with the Community Development Office before you build on, alter, grade, or fill your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Office at 553-4146.

### SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Village of New Richmond enforces Floodplain Regulations, which may affect how a property owner remodels, renovates, or even adds on to their building.

The Village adopted and enforces the floodplain regulations in order to allow the residents to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and to be eligible to receive disaster assistance. If the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building.

Please contact the Planning & Zoning Department should you have any questions at 553-4146 ext. 13

**New Richmond Area Ministries** is made up of local churches, businesses, community service organizations, village administration and local citizens. We have taken on the challenge of reviving the New Richmond Food Pantry which closed at the end of June 2020. We have collected food supplies from other pantries and have given them out to over 60 households of about 170 people needing help.

Just recently we have started to run out of supplies, but, thanks to generous community-minded people, we have received money donations to begin buying food. We are working on making contact with local food chains to get better pricing on those supplies, but we will need more financial donors.

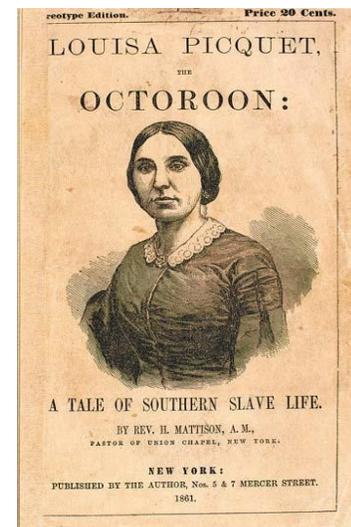
We thank Pastor Bill Bockhorst for opening his gathering space at the New Richmond Nazarene Church to set up the food ministry, but we also have made it near impossible for him to have gatherings to celebrate his own parishioners' special occasions. It would really be good if we can have our own building to move into. With that happening, we could expand our ministry to supply more than just food items that we all commonly need from our supermarkets.

With your help, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to build up this community.

Ron Stang

NRAM core team and New Richmond Food Ministry leadership.

513-309-5340



**Church Creek, MD** – The National Park Service’s National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom accepted the burials of Henry and Louisa Picquet at Samarian (Good Samaritan) Cemetery, owned by Ohio Township, as one of over 650 sites, programs, and facilities within the Network. It joins 12 new listings from the 40<sup>th</sup> round of Network to Freedom applications, representing sites and programs in eight states across the United States. New listings were accepted in the final days of September, which represented International Underground Railroad Month in 11 states.

Twice per calendar year, the Network to Freedom reviews and accepts applications from sites, facilities, and programs with verified connections to the Underground Railroad. Diane Miller, the National Program Manager, says, “We have a unique opportunity to work with incredible people bringing little known stories to light.”

Samarian Cemetery is an African American Cemetery located in New Richmond, Ohio. It is the final resting place of Henry (c. 1825-1889) and Louisa Picquet (c. 1828-1896), emancipated African Americans who were active on the Underground Railroad in Cincinnati before moving to New Richmond. They belonged to Zion Baptist, an anti-slavery African American church that was the “headquarters of the underground railroad.” According to Louisa Picquet, many freedom seekers came through their home, one of which was a woman named Mary White who eventually ended up in Canada.

“I think people often don’t realize how many Underground Railroad stories are in their backyards,” says Miller. “I am eager to see how communities representing the new listings work together to continue to share these stories with the public.”

Samarian Cemetery is no longer an active cemetery. It is open to the public from 8:00am to dusk.

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom serves to honor, preserve, and promote the history of resistance to enslavement through escape and flight, which continues to inspire people worldwide. The Network currently represents over 650 locations in 40 states, plus Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through its mission, the Network to Freedom helps to advance the idea that all human beings embrace the right to self-determination and freedom from oppression.



FYI

Daylight savings time ends

November 1

### 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, and October 1 & 15.

### Brush Collection

Brush collection is in full swing! Collection is the last full week of the month and ending on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 size limit will be left at the curb for the owner to dispose of at their own expense.

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### 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

### Online Dog Licensing

All dogs more than three months of age must be licensed (ORC 955.01)

The standard licensing period runs December 1 to January 31  
Licenses purchased after January 31 are subject to a late penalty of \$16

One year licenses are available for purchase online. Three year and permanent licenses are available at the Auditor's Office.

One year dog licenses are \$16; Three year dog licenses are \$48; Permanent dog licenses are \$160. Licenses purchased are non-refundable.

Puppy licenses are available after July 1st and only available through the Auditor's Office or through outside vendors. Puppy licenses are not available online.

Kennel licenses are \$80 and available only at the Auditor's Office.

### 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.

### 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 N.R. 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.

### 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 flooded 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.



**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**  
The Official Site of the NFIP Call Toll Free: 1-888-379-9531