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The City of Richmond 2011 Calendars are in! If you are interested in receiving a calendar, please stop by the City Offices or the Lois Wagner Memorial Library to pick up your copy.

City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2011

Independence Day Observance, Monday, July 4, 2011

Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2011

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24, 2011

Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2011

Christmas Eve Observance, Friday, December 23, 2011

Christmas Observance, Monday, December 26, 2011

New Year's Eve Observance, Friday, December 30, 2011

New Year's Day Observance, Monday, January 2, 2012



Dogs Licenses

In accordance with Michigan Law all dogs must be licensed at *four months of age or older*. Licensing is available through Macomb County Animal Shelter. Please call (586)469-5115 with questions or stop by City Hall to pick up an application.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Michigan Building/Residential Code Rules, Michigan Rehabilitation Code Rules for Existing Buildings, and the Michigan Uniform Energy Code Parts 10 & 10a Rules—The 2009 Michigan Building/Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Code Rules were filed with the Secretary of State on November 8, 2010, and become effective **March 9, 2011**. The rules provide the latest standards to protect the health and promote the safety and welfare of the people by regulating the construction, reconstruction and alteration of buildings within the state.

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Hours
Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Residents who are on the City of Richmond's residential trash collection contract have curbside recycling. Waste Management will provide each residential unit one recycling bin (available at City Hall). For a list of acceptable materials, please see Page 7 of this newsletter.

**WINTER
TAXES
DUE
February
28th**

MACOMB COUNTY CITY AND VILLAGE HOMESTEAD TAX RATES

Below are the rankings for the 2010 total homestead tax rates within Macomb County for cities and villages. The homestead tax rate is the millage rate paid by property owners claiming the homestead exemption on the home that is their principal residence. The homestead tax millage rates listed below include all municipal, county, regional, school, and state taxes levies. Some communities are listed more than once because they have more than one school district within their municipal boundaries causing different homestead millage rates.

<u>GOVERNMENT UNIT</u>	<u>HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</u>
Centerlineô Centerline Schools	55.2493
Eastpointeô South Lake Schools.....	49.8117
Centerlineô Van Dyke Schools.....	49.7754
Warrenô Centerline Schools.....	48.1392
Eastpointeô East Detroit Schools.....	46.9801
Rosevilleô Fraser Schools	44.2623
Rosevilleô Roseville Schools	43.9623
Warrenô Warren Consolidated	43.9337
Mt. Clemensô Mt. Clemens Schools.....	43.5182
St. Clair Shoresô South Lake Schools.....	42.7545
Warrenô Van Dyke Schools	42.6653
Warrenô Fitzgerald Schools	41.7747
New Havenô New Haven Schools.....	41.7259
Uticaô Utica Schools.....	41.6117
Mt. Clemensô LøAnse Creuse Schools	41.0982
Fraserô Fraser Schools	41.0205
St. Clair Shoresô LøAnse Creuse Schools	40.9229
New Baltimoreô Anchor Bay Schools	40.8538
Grosse Pointe Shoresô South Lake Schools.....	40.6039
Armadaô Armada Schools.....	40.2221
Warrenô Warren Woods.....	40.1347
Warrenô East Detroit Schools	39.6747
St. Clair Shoresô Lakeview Schols	39.3929
Sterling Heightsô Warren Consolidated.....	38.8271
Romeo (Washington Twp.)ô Romeo Schools	38.3813
St. Clair Shoresô Lakeshore Schools	37.8729
Romeo (Bruce Twp)ô Romeo Schools	37.5529
Memphisô Memphis Schools	37.3642
Richmond—Richmond Schools	36.5349
Sterling Heightsô Utica Schools	32.3181



Richmond Recreation Department



Winter/Spring Programs & Classes

*The following classes are being offered this January-April through the Richmond Recreation Dept.
All registrations are taken at the Richmond Community Center.*

HALL WALKING

At Richmond Middle School

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays

Ongoing until March 31st, 2011

5:30-7:00 p.m.

\$1 drop-in fee/15 walk punch card for \$12

Please bring clean shoes to wear in inclement weather

Not held on any day the Richmond School District is closed due to inclement weather.

ABC GYMNASTICS

Taught by Keith & Noreen Dunton

Parent/Tot (2-3 years) 4:30-5:00pm \$48/\$52

Beginner (4-5 years) 5:10-5:55pm \$48/\$52

Beginner (6+) 6-6:55pm-\$54/\$58

6 week session

Classes held on Thursdays

Session 1: Feb. 10th-March 31st

(No class 2/17 & 3/24)

Session 2: April 7th-May 19th

(No class 4/14)

Checks payable to ABC Gymnastics
Spots are limited so pre-register today!

Those interested in the intermediate level class can call the Recreation Department to be placed on a wait list for those classes.

RICHMOND'S WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

January 16th-April 10th, 2011

\$29 per person

Sundays at 6 p.m.

This 12 week contest is a perfect way to kick start a New Year's Resolution to get healthy! The competition is based on the percentage of body weight lost, and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Register at the Recreation Department today!

ZUMBA GOLD FITNESS

9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays

9:00-10:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Starting Jan. 10th, 2011

\$30 for 6 week session-1 class a week
\$60 for 6 week session-2 classes a week
\$6 drop-in fee

Zumba Gold is a dance-exercise program for those over 50 years of age. Dance yourself into fitness with Zumba Gold! Be ready for a low-impact aerobic workout, great music, & fun!

BEGINNER'S YOGA

Taught by Tammy Yaek, Certified YogaFit Instructor

Wednesday Sessions:

January 12th-February 16th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 23rd-March 30th 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

April 6th-May 11th 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Saturday Sessions:

January 8th ó February 5th 9-10 a.m.

February 12th - March 12th 9-10 a.m.

\$36 per person per 6 week session
\$30 per person per 5 week session

BEGINNER DANCE CLASSES

Taught by Jim & Donna Berg

January 18th-March 15th

(No class February 22nd)

Beginner Swing Dance

7-8 p.m. Tuesdays

\$55/per person/8 week session

Beginner Ballroom Dance

8-9 p.m. Tuesdays

\$55/per person/8 week session



*All classes are held at the Richmond Community Center in Beebe Street Park.
Call the Recreation Department M-F, 8-5 pm at (586) 727-3064 for more information.*





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BABYSITTING BEYOND THE BASICS

Saturday, April 30th, 2011

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages: 11 & older

Fee: \$35

This American Heart Association course taught through A1 Health and Safety will teach participants babysitting tips, basic first aid, the Heimlich Maneuver and pediatric CPR. A workbook is provided. Upon successful completion each student will receive a certificate of attendance. Bring to class a bag lunch and a pen/pencil.

Checks payable to A1 Health & Safety
Please register by Thursday, April 28th, 2011

ORV SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, March 26th, 2011

9 a.m.- 4 p.m. - \$15 per person

Richmond Community Center

Open to persons of all ages, but is required for students ages 12-17 who wish to operate an ORV* without direct adult supervision. To earn your certificate, students must attend 7 hours of instruction, pass a written exam and be 12 years of age by May 1, 2011. Pre-registration is required.

Children 8-10 years old must be accompanied by an adult; children in this age group need the Safety Certificate to ride 2 wheeled vehicles.

*ORV includes ATV, motorcycle, or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle.

2011 Winter and Ice Fest Special Events

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Thursday, Feb. 10th, 2011

6:30 p.m. at Maniaciø Banquet Center

\$34 per couple/\$12 per additional child

Includes dinner, a small gift for each girl, a professional photo, DJ, and raffle prizes!

Registration begins January 11th, 2010

Family Fun Nite

Friday, Feb. 11th, 2011

6:00-8:00 p.m. at Ray Laethem Dealership

FREE

This evening is packed with fun for the family. Join us for carnival games such as Ice Fishing, Floating Snowball Toss, Spin to Win, as well as clowns, face painting, balloons, and cookie decorating. No registration necessary.

All activities are completely indoors!

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 12th, 2011

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ray Laethem Dealership

\$2 per person to sample & vote

If you are interested in entering your chili, come to the Community Center to fill out a registration form. There is a \$10 fee for entering, and there will be cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. Please make enough chili for at least 200-1/4 c. servings. Call for more details!

Valentine's Day Senior Social

Sunday, February 13th, 2011

2 p.m. at Maniaciø Banquet Center

Registration begins Jan. 18th at the

Richmond Community Center

\$7/seniors 60+ or \$11/spouses under 60

Tickets sell quickly so don't delay!



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WINTER SEASON



The City Administration reminds all residents that parking overnight on curbed City streets is prohibited from December 1st to April 30th. This requirement is to facilitate snow removal operations by the Public Works Department. With the exception of the business district commercial parking, residents and visitors should try to have their vehicles off the streets by 10 p.m. In addition, no parking on any street is allowed between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. If it is at all possible, please remove your vehicle from

the street at any time snow removal operations are being undertaken. Also remember that City Code requires that snow be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours following a snowstorm.

Plows will push snow into your driveway approaches, and in some areas, onto your sidewalks. This cannot be helped. Please do not shovel, push or blow snow from sidewalks and driveways into the travel portion of any street. Doing so is a violation of the State Motor Vehicle Code and

you may be cited and fined. Place the snow in the public median (between sidewalk and street) in a manner which does not block a sidewalk, obstruct vision or create a hazard for vehicles. Along the Main Street business district, place the snow within 3-feet of the curb line. Please notify your snow removal company of this requirement.



RICHWOOD LANE STREET IMPROVEMENTS



Richwood Lane is currently a non-curb, 20-foot wide, sealcoat over asphalt roadway from S. Forest to Joe Wood Drive. The proposed reconstruction would result in a 31-foot, back-to-back roadway. As the current drainage is open ditch, storm sewers will be installed. All driveway culverts and enclosure culverts between driveways will be removed. Concrete approaches will be installed for all driveways. Sidewalk installation is not

included in this project, however, sidewalk will be installed in driveways. This is necessary so that the proper slope of the sidewalk, which is different from the driveway approach, is established. It is also necessary so that the approach wings do not encroach into the area where the sidewalk is suppose to be, some day. The barrier free sidewalk ramps at Joe Wood and Richwood will be reconstructed to meet current ADA requirements. A barrier free sidewalk ramp will also be installed on the

south side of Richwood Lane, at the Joe Wood intersection.



According to our records, there are 15 properties that do not have sanitary sewer clean outs at the property line. Installation of clean outs for these properties is included in the project.





Thank You For Recycling!









We wish to thank you for doing your part to protect our environment. Your efforts truly do make a difference! Please follow these guidelines when gathering and preparing your materials for *curbside recycling*.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL GUIDELINES

PLEASE SAVE THESE GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

 <p>Cardboard & Paper Bags Flatten cardboard & cut into pieces No wax coated cardboard</p>	 <p>Paperboard No wax coated paperboard</p>	 <p>Magazines & Catalogs All types & sizes</p>	 <p>Junk Mail Envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards etc.</p>	 <p>Office Paper All types and sizes</p>
 <p>Phone Books All types and sizes</p>	 <p>Newspaper Remove bags, strings and rubber bands</p>	 <p>Kitchen Cookware Metal pots, pans, tins & utensils</p>	 <p>*Steel & Tin Cans Empty cans only</p>	 <p>*Clear Glass Empty, clear glass only</p>
 <p>*Aluminum Cans Empty cans only</p>	 <p>*Plastic Jugs/Bottles (#1 & #2)</p>	 <p>*Household Plastic (#3 - #7) Empty containers only</p>	 <p>*Plastic Bags Most retail and grocery bags</p>	<p>RECYCLING BIN FULL?</p> <p>Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items if your bin is full.</p> 

PLASTIC REFERENCE GUIDE


-  Plastic soft drink & water bottles, catsup, mouthwash and salad dressing bottles. Peanut butter, mayo, pickle, jelly and jam jars.
 -  Milk, water, juice, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles; yogurt containers, cereal liners, grocery, trash and retail bags.
 -  Clear food and non-food packaging and electrical cable insulation.
 -  Dry cleaning, bread and frozen food bags, squeezable bottles e.g. honey, mustard, BBQ sauce, etc.
 -  Catsup bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, medicine and vitamin bottles, etc.
 -  Compact disc jackets, food service applications, grocery store, aspirin bottles, cups and plates. (No Styrofoam)
 -  Three and five gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice and catsup bottles.
- * See bottom of container for plastic type 

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Paper Milk or Juice Cartons
- Styrofoam Containers/Packing
- Garbage
- Propane Tanks
- Paint Cans
- Colored Glass
- Medical Waste/Syringes
- Flammable Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Chemicals (Dry or Liquid)
- Wood Items
- Concrete
- Garden Hose
- Electrical Cords

Please visit www.followtherecycling.com for more information about recycling and how you can help.

* Please rinse/clean containers before putting into recycling bin.

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ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

A new year is the culmination of the past year's work in the Assessing Department. The department has been busy updating files and preparing the sales studies to be used for the upcoming year. This is all done for the preparation of the new assessment roll. Over the past year commercial properties were remeasured with pictures taken and drawings of houses and lots and other miscellaneous information have been updated on the current computer system. Pictures of buildings and the drawings of lots and buildings are part of the parcel card package available to the public for free on the City's web page cityofrichmond.net.

January and February are busy months in the Assessing Department. The tentative assessed and taxable values are finalized in preparation of the mailing of the

assessment change notices before the end of February. The preliminary assessment roll is then printed along with parcel cards in anticipation of the March Board of Review meetings. The meetings dates for 2011 March Board of Review are tentatively scheduled as: Tuesday, March 9, from noon to 9 pm and Thursday, March 11, from 9 am to 6 pm. Please check your assessment change notice or the local weekly paper in February for the scheduled dates and times. Anyone wishing to appear before the Board of Review is encouraged to make an appointment prior to the meetings. Appointments to the Board of Review will be taken beginning the last week in February. Property owners are also encouraged to make an appointment to speak with the Assessor prior to meeting with the Board of Review. Sometimes questions can be answered

without having to appear before the Board. More information will be provided with the assessment change notices that you should receive the end of February.

For recently purchased homes please remember to file the Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit and the Property Transfer Affidavit. These forms are usually signed at the closing of the property. If you have any questions, please call the assessor's office.

For information or if you have questions, please stop by or call and speak with the Assessor. Office hours are Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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First Yard Waste Pick Up is April 5, 2011!

Holiday Trash Schedule



Memorial Day—Pick up on Wednesday, June 1, 2011

4th of July—Pick up on Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Labor Day Pick up on Wednesday, September 7, 2011



Water Bill Schedule

District #26 Monday, January 17, 2011
 District #36 Tuesday, February 15, 2011
 District #16 Tuesday, March 15, 2011
 District #26 Friday, April 15, 2011
 District #36 Monday, May 16, 2011
 District #16 Wednesday, June 15, 2011

District #26 Friday, July 15, 2011
 District #36 Monday, August 15, 2011
 District #16 Thursday, September 15, 2011
 District #26 Monday, October 17, 2011
 District #36 Tuesday, November 15, 2011
 District #16 Thursday, December 15, 2011