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Happenings

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Updates from Around the Village

Richfield Volunteer Fire Company Referendum

For the last several months a community discussion has been occurring regarding the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company (RVFC) and the staffing difficulties they have been experiencing. Early on, the Board expressed its support for the continued viability of the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company and understood that potential funding options for increasing our Fire and EMS Public Safety budget to serve the needs of our community now and in the future needed to be explored.

The RVFC, a private non-profit company that contracts its services to the Village of Richfield, the Town of Germantown, eight (8) square miles in the Town of Erin, and three (3) square miles in the Town of Polk, has been experiencing a decline in its paid-on-call volunteers while the call volume continues to increase exponentially. Unfortunately, as we've heard from the Fire Chief and have seen in stories from the <u>Daily News</u>, this situation is not unique to the RVFC and is symptomatic of a larger systemic issue regarding the national decline in volunteerism in our country. The RVFC is a "combination department" that operates with a mixture of full-time (5 FTE), part-time (5 PTE), and volunteer members (37) who are considered paid-on-call employees. The current Village budget for the RVFC is approximately \$590,000. To continue to serve the public, it has been conveyed to the Village that five (5) more full-time employees need to be hired.

To have a referendum question on the ballot for the November General Election, the Village must have the referendum question, a statement explaining the referendum question, and a resolution passed and sent to the Washington County Clerk by August 20th to meet the deadline for ballot creation. The Village is currently working with the RVFC and the Department of Revenue on finalizing the materials to meet the required deadlines. It is expected this matter will be considered by the Village Board at its July 21st meeting.

New Trustee Appointment

In May, the Village appointed Mr. Don Kriefall to the position of Village Trustee to serve out the remainder of the term for former Trustee Rock Brandner. The term is set to expire in April of 2023. Trustee Kriefall, prior to coming to the Village Board, most recently served as the Washington County Board Chairman. He was also a County Board Supervisor for 10 years, served on the Friess Lake School Board for seven (7) years, and was a police officer for the Village of Fox Point for 29 years.

Wisconsin Metal Tech - Celebrating 30 Years in Business!

On June 1st, Wisconsin Metal Tech (WMT) celebrated 30 years of being in business. Located on STH 175, what started as a one (1) employee business has now grown to a two-shift production operation with a combined Team of over 30 individuals. WMT serves original equipment manufacturers and contract part and assembly providers across the Midwest, nationwide, and the world. Congratulations on this incredible achievement and thank you for choosing to invest in our community!

July/August 2022

Village Updates Continued...



Passing of Long-Time Village Employee

Mervyn "Merv" Michael Rafko passed away on June 22, 2022 at the age of 78. For nearly 40 years, Merv served as a plow driver in our DPW. He was one of the few people who were capable of driving our 1969 and 1971 Oshkosh Trucks. In the worst weather, for long hours, in uncomfortable conditions, he served our community for decades. The Village sends its sincere condolences to his wife Carol, his family, and close friends.

Zoning Code Update

Based on the overwhelming request of the agricultural community, Village Staff was directed by the Village Board to reinsert language back into the draft version of the Code to reflect the exact rights found in the A-1, Exclusive Agricultural District and A-2, General Agricultural District. The previous references to RR-1, Rural Residential District and RR-2, Rural Residential District were completely

removed from the draft version of the proposed Zoning Code. A scheduled Public Hearing is set for July 21st at 7PM.

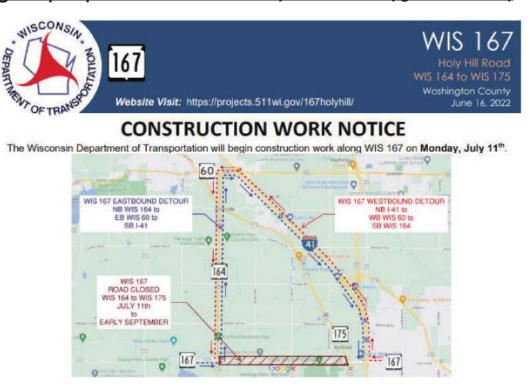
Work Anniversaries - Deanna Hupe & Donna Cox

In early 2022, the Village's Deputy Treasurer Deanna Hupe celebrated five (5) years working for the Village and just last month, Donna Cox, the Village's Deputy Clerk, celebrated the same work anniversary! If you have ever met or worked alongside these fantastic people, you know how much they care about the Village of Richfield and how hard they work to serve our amazing community. The next time you see them at Village Hall or on Election Day, please let them know they are appreciated!

Jim Healy, Village Administrator

WisDOT Scheduled Highway Improvement on STH 167 from STH 175 to STH 164

The WisDOT has scheduled highway improvement on STH 167 from STH 175 to STH 164 starting in July of 2022. This is a 3.5 mile resurfacing project. It is anticipated that both the STH 164 and STH 175 roundabouts will be open throughout the majority of this project (these roundabouts were built in recent years). The resurfacing job will include milling and overlay, base patching, and minor shoulder repairs. Joint and crack repairs will be done as needed. Additionally, all of the beam guard throughout the project is old and will be replaced and grading will completed for the beam guard replacement. Minor repair work on culvert



pipes is also anticipated. During construction, STH 167 will be closed to through traffic from STH 175 to STH 164. The roadway will remain open to businesses and residents; however, detours for all other traffic will be posted.

To receive up-to-date information throughout the project, please visit https://projects.511wi.gov/167holyhill/.

The contacts for this project are Ryan Schnurer, P.E. who can be reached at (414) 303-0029 or <u>Ryan.Schnurer@dot.wi.gov</u> and Travis Brush, P.E. who can be reached at (920) 366-3319 or <u>tbrush@klengineering.com</u>

Community Roots Program Reminder

The deadline to submit a form for fall planting for the Community Roots Program is Thursday, September 1st! As a reminder, the Community Roots Program is an opportunity for individuals to donate a tree to honor a relative, friend, or organization. Trees can be planted in one (1) of three (3) Village parks. The price of trees vary based on market prices. Plaques are also available to further memorialize a loved one. The form can be found using the link below: <u>https://www.richfieldwi.gov/115/Permits</u>

Second Installment of Property Taxes Due July 31st

As a reminder, the second installment of 2021 property taxes is due by July 31st to Washington County. Property taxes can be paid by mail, online, by phone, or in-person at the <u>Washington</u> <u>County Treasurer's Office</u> located at 432 E Washington St., Room 2053, PO Box 1986, West Bend, Wisconsin 53095.

For more information regarding the second installment, please call (262) 335-4324 or visit:

https://www.washcowisco.gov/departments/county_treasurer

Public Works Summer Update

<u>2022 HIP</u>

As of mid-June, construction related to the Village's 2022 Highway Improvement Program has been completed. The Village contracted with Washington County for line



painting on Bark Lake Road, Hubertus Road, and Plat Road, as well as a number of other roads within the Village in late June.

As a reminder, this years Highway Improvement Program included roadwork on:

- Bark Lake Road from Scenic Road to Amy Belle Road
- Hubertus Road from St. Gabriel Way to Hillside Road
- Plat Road from Monches to CTH Q
- Melody Lane from Plat Road to Monches Road
- Red Oak Court from Scenic Road to End

"Thank you" to all who live near or within project limits for your patience this construction season. We are looking forward to finalizing plans for the 2023 Highway Improvement Program by the end of this summer.

Brett Thicke, DPW Supervisor



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<u>Deadlines For the Next Statewide Election:</u> 2022 Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 9, 2022



Deadlines to Register to Vote:

July 20, 2022 - Deadline to Register by Mail: Your voter registration form, along with a Proof of Residence document must be postmarked to your Municipal Clerk no later than July 20, 2022.

July 20, 2022 - Deadline to Register to Vote Online: Voters who are able to match their name, date of birth, Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, and address with the Wisconsin DMV can register to vote online through July 20, 2022.

August 5, 2022 @ 5PM - Deadline to Register in Your Municipal Clerk's Office: Voters may register in-person in their Municipal Clerk's Office during the Clerk's business hours until 5PM on August 5, 2022.

August 9, 2022 from 7AM to 8PM - Register to Vote at Polling Place: Voters can register to vote at their polling place on Election Day, August 9, 2022 until 8PM. Absentee Voting Deadlines:

August 4, 2022 (a) 5PM - Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: For Regular & Permanent Overseas Voters.

August 5, 2022 @ 5PM - Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: For Indefinitely Confined and Military.

July 26, 2022 through August 5, 2022 - In-Person Absentee Voting: Location - Village Hall in the Upper Level, Hours - 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday with extended Hours until 5PM on August 5, 2022.

August 9, 2022 (a) 5PM - Deadline for Hospitalized Voters to Request an Absentee Ballot: Voters who are in a hospital may request a ballot be brought to them by an appointed agent if they are hospitalized in the 7 days preceding the election. Hospitalized electors may request an absentee ballot between August 2, 2022 and August 9, 2022 at 5PM.

August 9, 2022 (a) 5PM - Deadline for a Military Elector to Request an Absentee Ballot: If you are a Military voter and away from home, your absentee ballot request must be received by your Municipal Clerk no later than 5PM on August 9, 2022.

August 9, 2022 (a) 8:00 PM - Deadline to Return Absentee Ballot: Absentee Ballots must be returned by mail, in-person to the Municipal Clerk, or delivered to the Clerk at your polling location on Election Day.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY ONLY RETURN YOUR OWN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN-PERSON TO THE CLERK REGARDLESS OF RELATIONSHIP TO VOTER.

DROP BOXES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THIS ELECTION.

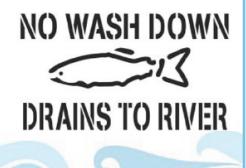
Voters must be registered before you can request an absentee ballot. Apply for an absentee ballot online at <u>MyVote.wi.gov</u>. You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request.



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Storm Drain Stencils Available

Storm drain stenciling promotes prevention of stormwater pollution from used oil, paints, cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pet droppings, etc. that can sometimes find themselves washed down storm drains. It also alerts others that the runoff water and materials carried in it will end up in our navigable waterways and drinking water. The Village has multiple stencils to loan to residents or HOA's. To use, spray paint the stencil on the concrete next to the storm water catch basin! Stop by Village Hall or call to make sure a stencil is available for use! Help us to send only rain down our drains!



Transfer Station Schedule: July, August, September

THE TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH FROM APRIL - NOVEMBER (6 PM TO 8 PM) *except holidays THE TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH ALL YEAR (7 AM TO 1 PM) *except holidays

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Richfield Days

Richfield Days returns in 2022 to Fireman's Park located at 2008 Hwy 175. The dates for this year's festival are Friday, August 26th, Saturday, August 27th, and Sunday, August 28th. This year there will be the Friday night fish fry, live music, Sunday parade, bounce houses, and fireworks sponsored by Lannon Stone, Inc. NEW this year is the Richfield Days Classic Car Show hosted by Laubenheimer's Garage on Saturday morning. Richfield Days is brought to you by the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company, the Richfield Lions Club, the Richfield Historical Society, the Richfield Days Parade Committee, and the Village of Richfield. Be sure to check https://www.richfielddays.org/ and the Richfield Days Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/RichfieldDays to get up to date information about the event!

Chief Tony Burgard, Richfield Volunteer Fire Company

<u>Friday, August 26th</u> 4PM - Midnight: Softball Tournament 4PM - Midnight: Richfield Historical

Society Serving Ice Cream (In the small shelter)

4PM - Midnight: Carnival Games and Inflatables

4PM - 8PM: Richfield Days Parade Committee Fish Fry (RVFC Station 1 Hall)

4PM - 8PM: Silent Auction Begins

8:30PM - Midnight: Rebel Grace (Under the big top tent) <u>Saturday, August 27th</u> 8AM - Midnight: Softball Tournament

8AM - Midnight: Richfield Historical Society Serving Ice Cream (In the small shelter) 8AM - Midnight: Carnival Games and Inflatables

8AM - 12PM: Car Show hosted by Laubenheimer's Garage

4PM - 8PM: Vendor Fair

4PM - 8PM: Silent Auction Concludes

8:30PM - Midnight: The Toys (Under the big top tent)

9PM (dusk): Fireworks sponsored by Lannon Stone, Inc.

8AM - Finish: Softball Tournament 8AM - Finish: Richfield Historical Society Serving Ice Cream (In the small shelter) 8AM - Finish: Carnival Games and Inflatables 11AM: Richfield Days Parade

Sunday, August

1PM - 6PM: The Hit Men (In the big shelter)

3PM: Wood Carving Auction Begins



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Upcoming Events							
DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION				
7/11/2022	Open Book	4PM - 6PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
7/14/2022	Transfer Station Open	6PM - 8PM	1345 Hillside Road				
7/16/2022	Transfer Station Open	7AM - 1PM	1345 Hillside Road				
7/17/2022	Special Olympics Event in Heritage Park	All Day	Heritage Park, 4128 Hubertus Road				
7/20/2022	Architecture Review Board Meeting	6PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
7/21/2022	Village Board Meeting	7PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
7/27/2022	Board of Review	5:30PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
7/28/21	Transfer Station Open	6PM - 8PM	1345 Hillside Road				
8/4/2022	Plan Commission Meeting	7PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
8/6/2022	Transfer Station Open	7AM - 1PM	1345 Hillside Road				
8/9/2022	August Partisan Primary Election	7AM - 8PM	Northbrook Church, 4014 STH 167				
8/11/2022	Transfer Station Open	6PM - 8PM	1345 Hillside Road				
8/17/2022	Architecture Review Board Meeting (If needed)	6PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
8/18/2022	Village Board Meeting (<i>Please note: This date may change due to scheduling conflicts</i>)	7PM	Lower Level, Village Hall				
8/20/2022	Transfer Station Open	7AM - 1PM	1345 Hillside Road				
8/25/2022	Transfer Station Open	6PM - 8PM	1345 Hillside Road				
8/26-8/28/2022	Richfield Days Celebration	All Day	Fireman's Park, 2008 STH 175				

Richfield Days 2022 Parade Form

The Richfield Days preparations have commenced and the Richfield Days Parade Committee is excited to hit the ground running for this year's event! This annual event is considered one of the biggest parades in all of Washington County with over 50 volunteers to help register, organize, and stage the entries. Winners will be posted in the food court area between 1PM and 3PM!

This parade is largely funded through private contributions, donations, and fundraisers, the largest being the Richfield Days Friday Night Fish Fry. If you look forward to the parade each year, please consider donating your time, talents, or a modest financial contribution to help us keep it going! The parade will occur on Sunday, August 28th at 11AM.

Those interested in entering the parade competition, donating, or volunteering should complete the bottom portion of the form below or the form found at <u>www.richfieldwi.gov</u> and return to the directed address no later than August 14th, 2022.

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	City & Zip Code:	Email:	ii ii

A financial contribution can be mailed to the Richfield Days Parade at the below address:

Richfield Days Parade, Inc.

P.O. Box 141

Richfield, WI 53076

For additional information, please contact: Kathy Siewert at (262) 422-9734, via email at ericsiewert@aol.com or Lori Neu at (262) 628-0177, via email at Lneu8o2@yahoo.com

The Village website also has information regarding entry forms, correspondence, updates, and a calendar of events at www.richfieldwi.gov.

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Important Board of Review Dates:

Assessment Roll Complete - Members of the public may examine the Assessment Roll online any time or in-person at Village Hall beginning Tuesday, July 5th. 10

II. Open Book - Open Book Appointments will be scheduled for Monday, July 11th between 4PM and 6PM in the lower level of Village Hall. Please call Deputy Clerk Donna Cox to schedule an appointment at (262) 628-2260. 11

" Objections to Assessments - If you want to file an Objection to your н assessment after you have made contact with the Assessor and after attending the Open Book meeting, a Notice of your intent to appeal " must be provided to the Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review meeting on July 27th. Failure to provide 48 hours advance notice to the Clerk may result in denial of a hearing at the Board of Review.

Board of Review - The Board of Review Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27th at 5:30PM in the lower level of Village Hall.

Special Olympics Event

In a few short weeks, Special Olympics Wisconsin, Inc. Greater Milwaukee Region 8 will be hosting their regional softball, t-ball, and bocce ball tournament in Heritage Park on Sunday, July 17th. There will be close to 400 athletes participating at this full day event, competing for the opportunity to play at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Games being hosted at Carroll University at the end of July. The organization is welcoming any volunteers that are interested for the event! For information about the event or to sign up for a volunteer position, please visit https:// www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/volunteer-events/ and select "2022 R8 District Softball, Bocce and State Tee Ball".

