

# VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD

## e-NEWSLETTER



Fall 2014

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Bobbie Beshara

Welcome to our new e-Newsletter. This e-Newsletter was created to keep our residents and businesses in Richfield informed on upcoming events, ongoing projects, calendar, etc.

When I was a council member, I thought this type of publication would be helpful for our residents and finally after 2 ½ years of planning, this e-Newsletter has come to fruition. It

has been a very exciting year for our community. Thank you to everyone for helping make Richfield the #1 top suburb in Northeast Ohio by Cleveland Magazine. What an honor for our small town! We are #1 for many reasons, but the number one reason is because of you!

Everyday we are challenged at the Village to put out the best product we possibly can from new pavement on our roads to better trails on our properties to a top-notch safety force and that's because we truly believe in all of you and strive to ensure that Richfield is a safe and happy place to live and raise your families. We are so very fortunate to be a part of the Revere Local Schools. Revere is Excellent with Distinction as rated by the Ohio Department of Education. Revere is one of 18 school

districts in the state that have been Excellent for the past 12 consecutive years.

**Summit County Public Health Update on Ebola** The Village of Richfield officials are taking the Ebola situation very seriously. We are attending scheduled meetings with health officials throughout the county and state, and will continue to work on preparedness protocols. For continued updates please visit the Summit County Public Health website at [www.scphoh.org](http://www.scphoh.org) or call the Ebola Information Line at (330) 926-3939.

**ODOT Road Projects** are nearing completion. After many months of road closures and delays, ODOT is working to complete the Brecksville Road bridge by December 2014. For updates, please visit the Village website or [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us).

**Village Green SWIF Grant** The Village green parking lot (303, Grant and Broadview Roads) will be rebuilt in part thanks to a Surface Water Infrastructure grant the Village applied for through the Ohio EPA. The Village applied for \$150,000 and received the full amount. What this grant will help do is divert water properly off the surface and underground as the water feeds into the adjacent stream.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### Village Council:

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
**8:00PM**

### Planning Commission:

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month  
**7:30PM**

### Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

2nd Wednesday of the Month  
**6:00PM**

\*\*BZA meets on as-needed basis.  
 Contact Planning Department  
 for details.

### Park Board:

1st Monday of the Month  
**7:00PM**

\*\*Meeting located at Rec Center

## UTILITY PROVIDERS

### Telephone:

**Windstream**.....(330) 659-8000

**Windstream Residential**.....1-800-347-1991

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**Windstream Repair**.....1-800-782-6206

### Cable:

**Time Warner Cable**.....1-877-772-2253

### Electric:

**Ohio Edison**.....1-800-646-0400

**\*TTY**.....1-800-736-3408

### Gas:

**Dominion East Ohio**.....1-800-362-7557

**Dominion Emergency**.....1-877-542-2630

### NOPEC Aggregation:

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**Electric**.....1-800-292-9284

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# MAYOR FROM PAGE 1



Pictured with Mayor Beshara are Richfield Fire Chief, Jason Mihalek, and Capt. Richard Smith of the Stow Fire Department, representing Summit County.

**Sale of Fire Truck to Summit County** Recently Richfield Village Council authorized the sale of 3016 to Summit County Special Operations team. It will be utilized by the county team to haul and respond throughout Summit County with confined space and building collapse equipment. This is a great resource for the Summit County Special Operations team as it will be available to all Summit County fire departments. The truck was purchased eight years ago for \$180,000 by the Village of Richfield, and was sold to the county for \$120,000 in 2014.



Photo of Rock Garden. Pictured left to right: Ruth Jocek, Recreation Director, Mayor Bobbie Beshara, and Bath-Richfield Kiwanis President, Floyd Ostrowski.

**Playground Grant** Several months ago, the Village was approached by the Bath-Richfield Kiwanis asking of any projects that they could assist the Village in completing for our children. Our Recreation Director, Ruth Jocek, had a great idea to

add a climbing rock garden to our playground behind Town Hall, which is called the Kiwanis Rock Garden, where children come to grow.

This project had a large price tag associated with it, \$69,000. The Village applied for a Naturworks Grant through ODNR and received \$51,348.00 to help offset the costs. Along with a large cash donation from the Bath-Richfield Kiwanis and a Kiwanis International Grant, we also want to thank Empaco of Richfield, Nuetek Industries of Cleveland, the Ostrowski family of Richfield and our Richfield Village Service Department staff who all contributed to completing this project in June of 2014.

**Water Tower** The Village of Richfield Council and the Cleveland Water Department have been reviewing different locations in our community to determine the most appropriate area for placement of the water tower. We will continue to review these locations and update the community on the progress.



Jan Weber, of the Eastwood property, celebrating our 5th anniversary.

**Fallfest** Our Richfield Fallfest on the Eastwood property was once again a great success. Thanks to Ruth Jocek and the Recreation staff for their hard work and thanks to Mother Nature for the great weather! This is the fifth year that the Village has owned the Eastwood Preserve. We have community gardens, beehives, honey processing in the Eastwood House, a Monarch Waystation, beautiful walking trails and a lake that is enjoyed by all who visit this property.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please let us know what you would like to see in our future editions.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS



**OCTOBER**

### Haunted Rec

**24/25**

A very fun event hosted by our Recreation Department. (See page 14 for details)

**OCTOBER**

### Parade & Trick or Treat

**31**

Parade begins at 5:45 p.m. by Fellowship Hall with all the little ghosts and goblins parading to the Fire Department for candy & beverages. Thanks to our Richfield FOP, Richfield Firefighter's Association and all those who make this a fun event! Trick or Treating is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in our community.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Halloween, USA

For some towns in the U.S., the Halloween theme lasts all year long, thanks to their names. A few that would be especially fun to visit for the holiday: Frankenstein, Mo.; Scary, W.Va.; Spook City, Colo.; and Candy Town, Ohio.



**NOVEMBER**

### Sales Tax & Voting

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Richfield residents' polling location is at the Richfield United Methodist Church of Christ at 4340 West Streetsboro Road.

## Holly Days at the Eastwood House

4712 W. Streetsboro Road from 9am to noon.

**NOVEMBER**

**15**

**NOVEMBER**

**22**

**NOVEMBER**

**29**

**DECEMBER**

**6**

**DECEMBER**

**13**



**NOVEMBER**

### Richfield Tree Lighting

**28**

The Richfield Tree Lighting in the Green is set for Friday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sponsored by the Richfield Civic Organization. Something **NEW** has been added for our kids following Tree Lighting. In addition to cookies and hot chocolate with Santa, the Recreation Department will host a holiday movie at the Masonic Hall. Please look for more details in next month's issue or visit [www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org)

## Annual Christmas Tea



**DECEMBER**

**14**

The Senior Center's Annual Christmas Tea will be on Sunday, December 14th at 2 p.m.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department, in an attempt to stay current with ever changing technology advances, applies for grant assistance through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

Administrative Lieutenant Joe Davis has the enormous responsibility of research, compiling, and completing all of the grant applications.

This year we received a grant to upgrade a portion of our mobile radio inventory. The new radio technology will enable the officer to contact surrounding agencies. The current radios in use are unable to perform in this manner as they are not “dual band” radios. Having functional communications is the most important factor when dealing with a crisis in which multiple jurisdictions work together.

In a prior year an application was submitted to upgrade all of the mobile data terminals installed in the patrol cars. The mobile data terminals allow the officer to access operator’s license and vehicle registration information from inside the police car. The mobile data terminals are also used to access the department record management system and reporting system. The grant was going to be used to replace the mobile data terminals, which are basically notebook computers, with a tablet. A tablet is much less expensive to purchase, is more durable as there are no moving parts, and is more portable due to size and functionality.

We did not receive the grant initially but we were informed this year that some of the grant money earmarked for the previous year had not been utilized. We were encouraged to reapply for a portion of the remaining funds as the reviewing committee was intrigued with the tablet concept Lieutenant Davis had detailed in his application.

As of this writing the tablet grant was approved and tablets were purchased to replace all of the department mobile data terminals.



Installation of the tablets will be completed prior to the end of 2014.

Although the grant process can be tedious and unpredictable, the result can be quite rewarding. These two grants have provided new, state-of-the-art equipment for a fraction of the cost that would normally have been borne by the police department budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Working Smoke Alarms  
Save Lives**

**Test Yours Every Month!**



The Richfield Fire Department would like to remind our community about fire prevention. Please read these important safety messages regarding fires in homes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Richfield Fire Department.

**Thank you and be safe!**

**SMOKE ALARMS**

**FACT #1**

Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

**FACT #3**

When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

**FACT #5**

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken or assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

**FACT #2**

In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time.

**FACT #4**

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.



## HOME FIRES

- In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage.
- On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day from 2007 to 2011.
- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment.
- Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2012, 8 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 44 deaths.



## ESCAPE PLANNING

- According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it.
- One-third (32%) of respondents who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. Only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

## COOKING

### FACT #1

U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.

### FACT #2

Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 15% of the cooking fire deaths.

### FACT #3

Ranges accounted for the 57% of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.

### FACT #4

Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.

### FACT #5

Two of every five home fires started in the kitchen.

### FACT #6

Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires.

### FACT #7

Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking and hot food and drinks than being burned in a cooking fire.

### FACT #8

Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, two out of five of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.

## HEATING

- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Portable or fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) home heating deaths.
- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- In most years, heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths, and fire injuries.
- Fixed or portable space heaters are involved in about 4 out of 5 heating fire deaths.

## ELECTRICAL

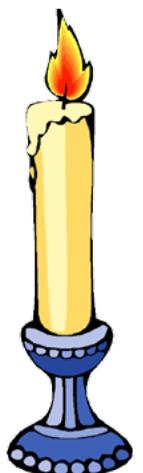
- About half (48%) of home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment. Other leading types of equipment were washer or dryer, fan, portable or stationary space heater, air conditioning equipment water heater and range.
- Electrical failure or malfunctions caused an average of almost 48,000 home fires per year, resulting in roughly 450 deaths and nearly \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

## SMOKING MATERIALS

- During 2007-2011 smoking materials caused an estimated 17,900 home structure fires, resulting in 580 deaths, 1,280 injuries and \$509 million in direct property damage, per year.
- Sleep was a factor in 31% of the home smoking material fire deaths.
- Possible alcohol impairment was a factor in one in five (18%) of home smoking fire deaths.
- In recent years, Canada and the United States have required that all cigarettes sold must be "fire safe," that is have reduced ignition strength and less likely to start fires.

## CANDLES

- During 2007-2011 candles caused 3% of home fires, 4% of home fire deaths, 7% of home fire injuries and 6% of direct property damage from home fires.
- On average, there are 32 home candle fires reported per day.
- More than one-third of these fires (36%) started in the bedroom; however, the candle industry found that only 13% of candle users burn candles in the bedroom most often.
- Nearly three in five candle fires (56%) start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.



# SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES



## LEAF PICK-UP



This program is offered in the fall when all or most of the leaves have fallen to the ground in the community. Please have the leaves raked to the front ditch line of your property or as close to the road as possible. We will continue to pick up the leaves until all are picked up or until the snow is too deep for us to retrieve them.

## BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush chipping and leaf vacuuming sometimes coincide so please make sure brush is separated from the leaves. Please visit our Service Department page for further details on brush chipping and all the services offered to the residents of the Village of Richfield.

## SNOW PLOWING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Codified Ordinance 311.011

(a) "No person shall plow, shovel or otherwise remove snow from any private property by motor vehicle or other apparatus such as a truck, backhoe, excavator, or any other device designed to remove or plow snow or ice and deposit the removed snow or ice on any portion of a public right of way, street, highway or thoroughfare which is paved and used, or designed for use by motor vehicles so as to obstruct or decrease the drivable width of any public street, highway or thoroughfare." and (b) "No person shall deposit snow or ice in designated handicapped parking spaces located on any private or public property." and (c) "No person shall knowingly plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice removed from any private property, by any mean, on any public street,

highway or thoroughfare without proper authority." (d) "Except otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates any provision of subsections (a) through (c) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to the one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever, violates any provision of subsections (a) through (c) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicated motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates any provision of subsections (a) through (c) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord.4-2005 passed 3-1-05)

## SNOW PLOWING

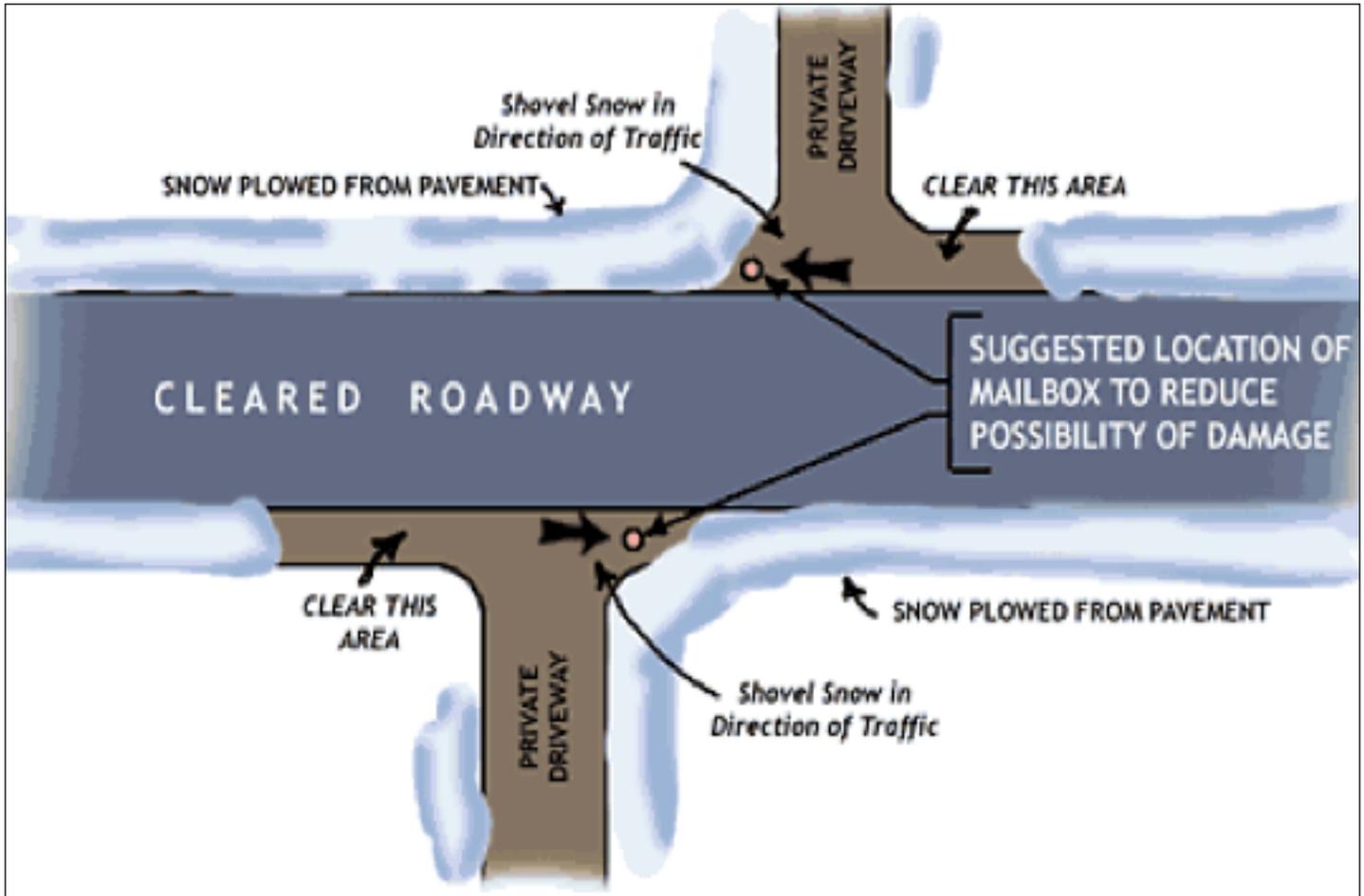


Please be advised that the Village of Richfield Snow Crews are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We respond to call outs at any time day or night. Our priority is main roads first, and all side streets are second. Main roads would be streets such as State Route 303, Brecksville Road, Broadview Road (State Route 176) etc. Secondary roads would be Maple Drive, Highlander Parkway, Kinross Lakes, Hawthorne, Treelawn, etc. During heavy snows secondary streets will only be salted at hills, intersections and turns until the storm passes. Please note that cul-de-sacs are plowed last and that village snowplows are prohibited from plowing driveways or towing private vehicles.



## CLEARING SNOW FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY OR SIDEWALK

Snow placed in driveways by Village plows is the property owners' responsibility for removal. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed on or pushed across a Village street. The Village will only clean snow within the confines of curb line to curb line of a street. All sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the property owner as per the Ohio revised Code.



The above sketch shows how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest that you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening



## MAIL BOXES & SNOW



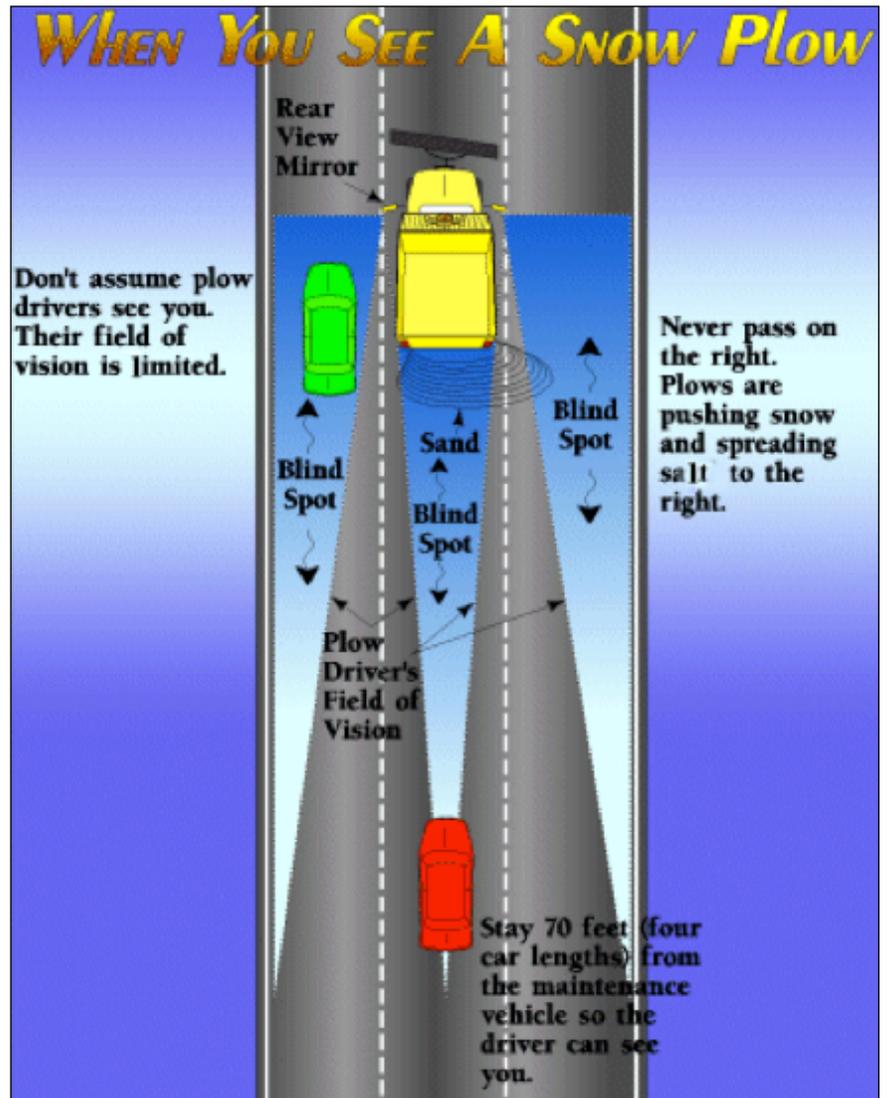
At times, heavy slush discharged from a plow will knock down a mailbox. Most mailboxes, if properly placed and installed, will withstand heavy slush. The Village will NOT be responsible for damage done to mailboxes knocked down by heavy snow or slush. Before winter please make sure that your mailbox is properly fastened to the pole.

Your assistance is needed in removing the snow from in front of your mailbox. The extreme ice and snow packed around the mailbox prevents Village trucks from removing the snow without causing damage to the mailbox.

### Codified Ordinance 351.15 Snow Emergencies states:

A snow emergency exists when 2 or more inches of snow have fallen in a 24 hours or less. We will continue to be conservative on our salt usage, both due to the limited amount of salt we are allowed to purchase, as well as being mindful of our limited budget. We do our best to clear the streets by rush hour in the mornings and evenings.

I further ask for your patience during these heavy snows. Please be mindful of our plow drivers when you are out and about. Please stay back from a snow plow truck at least 50 feet. They are trying to spread salt which will bounce or hit your car if you are closer, plus they cannot see you or your vehicle if you are closer. Our trucks do clean intersections and on occasion need to back up. If you cannot see our side mirrors on the front of our trucks, we cannot see you. Please give courtesy to all snow plow drivers this season, as they are trying their best to make things safe for you.



# PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

## ABANDONED PROPERTY UPDATE

As part of my continuing efforts to address abandoned buildings and nuisance properties, I am working with the Planning and Zoning Department to aggressively address code enforcement throughout the community. Resulting from these efforts, residents can see progress by looking to the former Consolidated Freightways property as a good example. The two remaining blighted buildings on this property were recently demolished and the site continues to be cleaned up. Another property

that was addressed recently is the former miniature golf course on Brecksville Road on the north end of town. This site remained idle in recent years but was addressed in June and the property is now immediately available for redevelopment. I appreciate the efforts of planning and zoning director, Brian Frantz, and the willingness of the property owners to continue to make Richfield the crossroads of commerce and community.

- Mayor Bobbie Beshara

### Projects that require zoning permits in the Village of Richfield:

#### RESIDENTIAL

New Homes	Fences
Sheds	Pools
Decks	Additions
	Garages

#### COMMERCIAL

New Building Additions	Occupancy	Conditional Use Signs
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If you are planning on making improvements, please check with the Village before starting any projects. Requirements vary but zoning permits are required.

Please contact the Zoning Department at (330) 659-9201 ext. 6 or visit our website at [www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org). All applications are online.

The Village of Richfield uses Summit County Building Department for all projects that require inspections and building permits.

# RECREATION CENTER

## PROGRAMS AT THE REC

### **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

#### Rhythm and Read:

We are now offering many more programs for preschoolers. The first being held on Thursday, Oct 2 - Oct 30th called Rhythm and Read.

Children will participate in interactive activities that pertain to a book that will be read at class.

Activities will include acting out characters and animals or making noise of the characters.

A different children's book will be read each day at the end of class. The Holiday Edition of Rhythm and Read will be held on Tuesdays, starting November 13 - December 11. Check the web for more information.

#### Halloween Party:

Wear your costumes and park your broomsticks for a gathering for all the ghosts, goblins, and witches of Richfield. Crafts, games, candy, and lunch will be provided for the children at this fun event. Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for children ages 3-7 year of age. All this for only \$5.00! Come and join us at the Recreation Center on Brecksville Rd.

#### Jump Into Gym! Physical Education & Sports Class:

Give your child a Jump Start on the benefits of physical education and sports. Your child will have a blast learning about a wide variety of sports while gaining the many benefits of PE. This program starts Mondays, November 17 - December 15.

### HOME SCHOOL CLASSES

The Richfield Parks and Recreation Department is now offering Home School Classes. The first to happen is Home School Art Class. They will be starting Wednesday, October 1, - October 22, 2014.

We will be offering many different programs that will meet the needs of the home schooler. Check out our website for continuous changing programs.

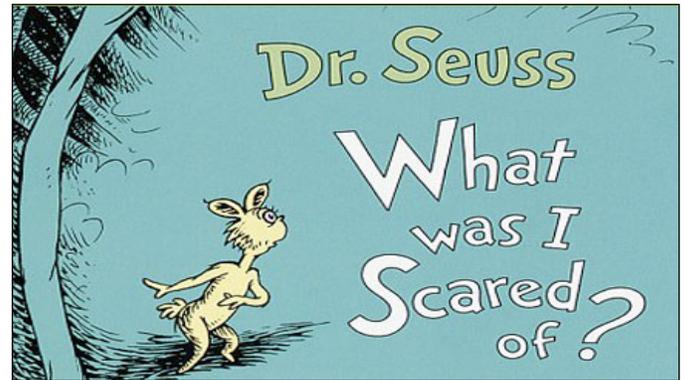


### **Northeast Ohio Pajama Program Collection**

Recreation Department is again collecting Pajamas for the Northeast Ohio Pajama Program. We are asking local residents as well as local business to contribute NEW pj's to our collection. The need is for infant sizes to adult extra large pajamas. In the past two years that we have done the program we have collected almost 500 pj's. This year we are hoping to reach our goal of 200 pairs to give to the program. The pajamas go to local agencies that deal with children, like Battered Women's Shelter, Community Pregnancy Center, Domestic violence Center and many more local agencies. Please drop off your donations through Christmas at the Recreation Center at 3333 Brecksville Rd.

## Upcoming Story Walk on the Carter/Pedigo Trail

Join us and the Richfield Library for what has become our "Spooky" story walk. This year's book is "What Was I Scared Of?" by Dr. Seuss. The walk will be held on Saturday, October 18th at 5:30 pm. This is a family friendly walk with maybe a little scare here and there. After the walk stay for s'mores around the fire.



## Halloween PARTY



*Wear your costumes, and  
park your broomsticks for a  
gathering for all the ghosts  
goblins, and witches of Richfield.*

Crafts, Games, Candy  
and more!

Lunch will be provided for the children who attend  
the Halloween bash.

**Saturday October 18, 2014**

**Ages: 3-7**

**11:00 – 1:00PM**

**Cost: \$5.00**

**At Richfield Recreation Building: 3333 Brecksville  
Road**



RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION  
PRESENTS

THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SPOOKIER THAN EVER

# HAUNTED REC

Come if you dare and brave the terror  
of the Haunted Rec. Don't get caught by a  
ghoul or a vampire. Maybe even walk through  
your worst nightmare

**Friday Oct 24 6:00 to 10:00 pm**  
**Saturday Oct 25 6:00 to 10:00pm**  
3333 Brecksville Rd.

Cost: \$5.00 per haunting  
Bring this flyer -\$1 off per person

Group discounts available  
Call for info  
**330-659-5818**

**\*ALL AGES WELCOME**

# SENIOR CENTER

**WE ENVISION A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE LEADS FULL, HEALTHY, AND INSPIRED LIVES**

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

### Health & Wellness

Health monitoring program, blood pressure checks, podiatry program, and flu shots are administered.

### Nutrition

In 2013, 2397 meals were delivered and 2142 lunches were prepared and served at the Senior Center.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events, such as a Valentine Party & Jam Session, Volunteer Dinner, Annual Quilt Show, Annual Christmas English Tea, a classic movie is hosted once a month, and many other entertainment opportunities are offered at the Senior Center.

## FUN BUS TRIPS



## EVEN MORE TO OFFER

### Physical Activities

Yoga

Tai Chi

### Mental Activities

Dominoes

Puzzles

Scrabble

Bingo

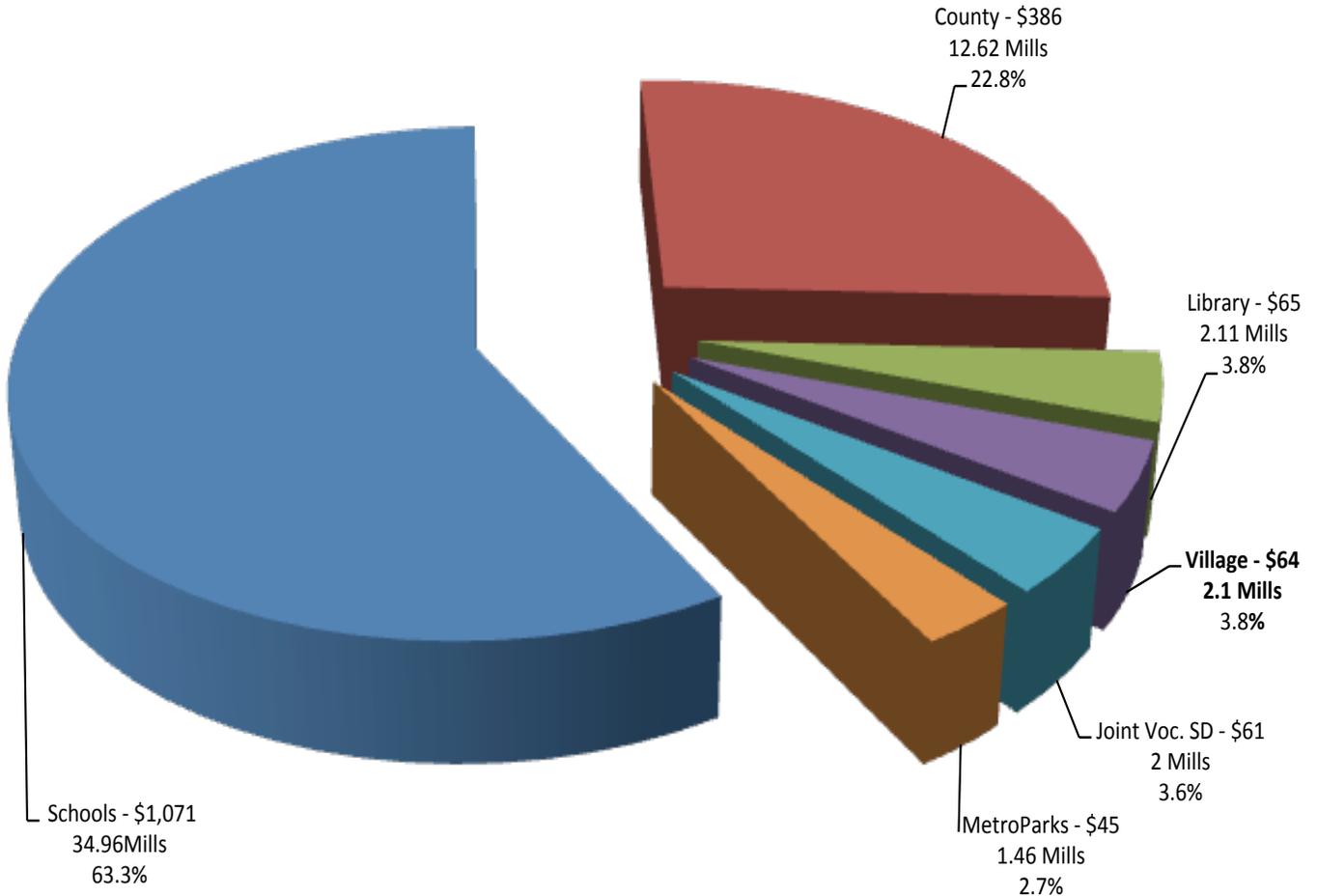
Pinochle



For more information on the different programs and events, call us at (330) 659-9201 Ext. 8

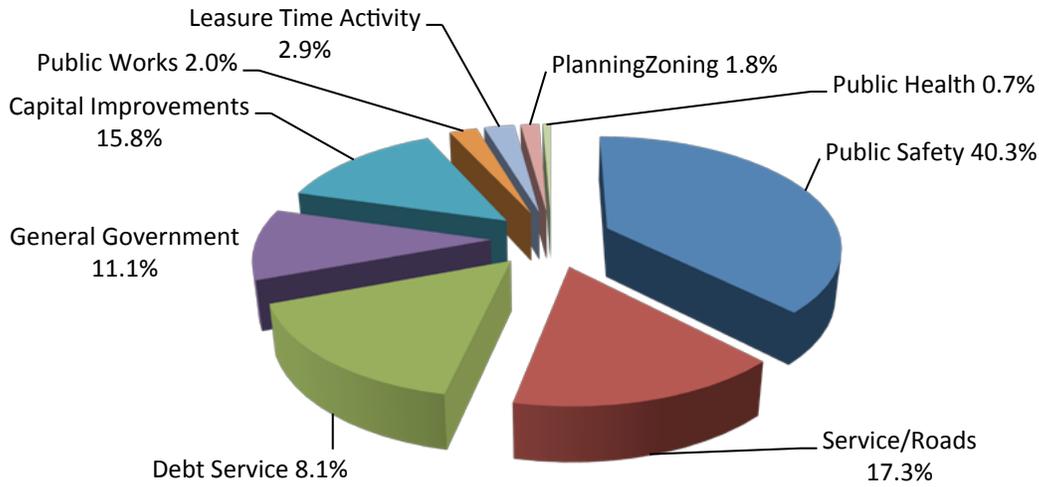
# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## Village of Richfield Resident \$100,000 Home Tax Contribution - \$1,692 Tax Year 2013/Collection Year 2014 (55.25 MILLS)



## HOW RICHFIELD VILLAGE DOLLARS ARE SPENT 2014 OPERATING EXPENDITURES - \$11.5 M

(EXCLUDES ENTERPRISE AND AGENCY FUNDS)



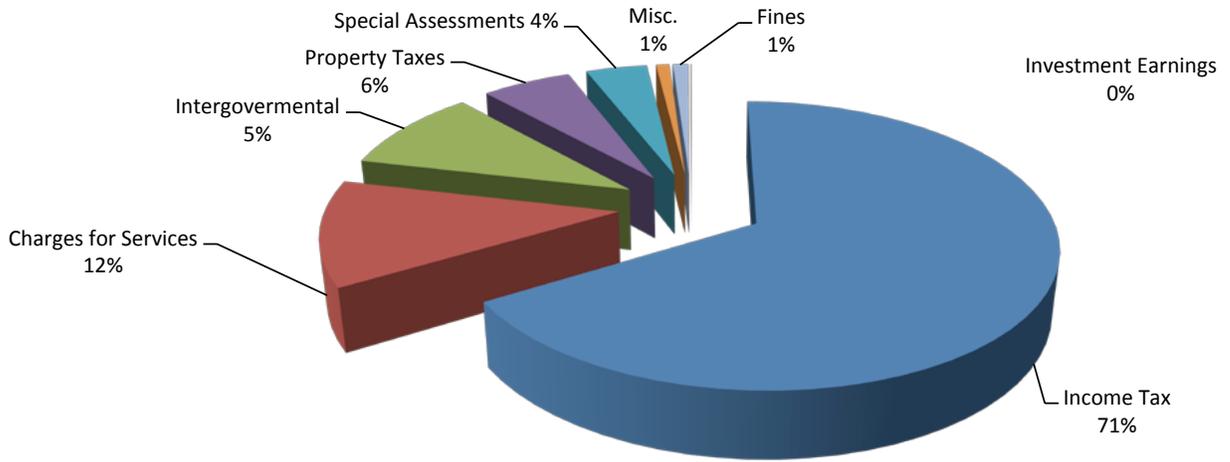
### 2011 - 2014 Actual on Estimated Expenditures

(\$ in thousands)

Expenditure by Function	2011	2012	2013	2014	\$ Change	% Change
Public Safety (Police & Fire)	\$ 4,117.1	\$ 4,288.2	\$ 4,255.3	\$ 4,643.1	\$ 387.8	9.1%
Transportation (Service & Road Maint.)	\$ 1,779.6	\$ 1,780.1	\$ 1,765.9	\$ 1,992.7	\$ 226.8	12.8%
Debt Service	\$ 1,855.4	\$ 1,814.3	\$ 1,791.7	\$ 939.4	-\$ 852.3	-47.6%
General Government	\$ 1,255.4	\$ 1,165.8	\$ 1,170.9	\$ 1,275.0	\$ 104.1	8.9%
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,106.5	\$ 1,546.6	\$ 1,069.5	\$ 1,825.2	\$ 755.7	70.7%
Public Works (Solid Waste & Water)	\$ 253.5	\$ 258.2	\$ 203.8	\$ 223.2	\$ 19.4	9.5%
Leasure Time Activity (Parks & Senior)	\$ 242.9	\$ 281.7	\$ 313.4	\$ 337.4	\$ 24.0	7.7%
Environment (Planning & Zoning)	\$ 165.6	\$ 172.4	\$ 195.6	\$ 209.9	\$ 14.3	7.3%
Public Health	\$ 70.9	\$ 72.9	\$ 180.4	\$ 85.5	-\$ 94.9	-52.6%
<b>TOTAL (Without Sewer Operations)</b>	<b>\$10,846.9</b>	<b>\$11,380.2</b>	<b>\$10,946.5</b>	<b>\$11,531.4</b>	<b>\$ 584.9</b>	<b>5.3%</b>



## WHERE RICHFIELD DOLLARS COME FROM 2014 OPERATING REVENUE - \$11.7 M (Excludes Enterprise and Agency Funds)



### 2011 - 2014 OPERATING REVENUES

(\$ in thousands)

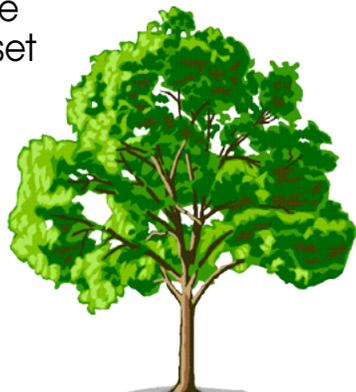
Revenue by Source	2011	2012	2013	2014	\$ Change	% Change
Income Tax	\$7,876.6	\$7,873.7	\$8,271.9	\$8,271.9	\$ 0.0	0.0%
Charges for Services	\$1,111.7	\$1,448.6	\$1,358.0	\$1,429.4	\$ 71.4	5.3%
Intergovernmental	\$832.9	\$1,139.4	\$584.8	\$504.8	-\$ 80.0	-13.7%
Property Taxes and Other Taxes	\$709.6	\$689.7	\$727.3	\$730.4	\$ 3.1	0.40%
Special Assessments	\$583.3	\$472.9	\$477.7	\$477.7	\$ 0.0	0.0%
Miscellaneous (Refunds, Leases, Rentals)	\$164.5	\$101.3	\$177.8	\$117.8	-\$ 60.0	-33.7%
Fines, Licenses & Permits	\$73.5	\$120.4	\$139.5	\$130.5	-\$ 9.0	-6.5%
Investment Earnings	\$10.9	\$6.5	\$11.8	\$12.0	\$ 0.2	1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,273.0</b>	<b>\$11,852.5</b>	<b>\$11,748.8</b>	<b>\$11,674.5</b>	<b>-\$ 74.3</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>



# THIS & THAT

## 2013 TREE CITY

Richfield was named a 2013 Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 19th consecutive year by meeting the requirements set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation. We are very proud and honored for this wonderful recognition.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD**

**The sum of us adds up.**  
**The Village of Richfield is**  
**Rated the #1 Northeast Ohio Suburb 2014**  
 - Cleveland Magazine

A top score, based on various factors, was achieved by the interests and efforts of our citizenry, local businesses, dedicated service and safety workers, elected leadership.

**Thanks to all of you**

- Education
- Housing
- Taxes
- Walkability
- Safety

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## ALERTS & NEWS

Please contact the Summit County prosecutor's office for any alerts or news. Get there by clicking the badge or visiting [www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor](http://www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor).

## reworks

A Summit County Waste Management Authority that allows our community, institutions and businesses to develop and utilize environmentally sound, cost-effective recycling and waste management strategies. Click the recycle logo for more info!



## SUMMIT COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Our county has many programs and services to offer, such as consumer affairs. For more information on consumer affairs and other programs, please go to [www.consumeraffairs.summitoh.net](http://www.consumeraffairs.summitoh.net).

## MONARCH HONOR

The Village of Richfield Eastwood Preserve is officially designated a Monarch Waystation. The Monarch Watch, a non-profit organization based at the University of Kansas, gave us this distinction due to our rich milkweed habitat.



Please help honor our Veterans on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, as AmVets will hold a service at the Richfield Veterans Memorial at 6PM.

## VETERANS DAY