



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Spring is in the air! Soon our parks and walking trails will be in full swing again. Kids and adults will be out playing so please be cautious in your daily travels.

### **WATER TOWER:**

As many of you know Richfield has been approached by the Cleveland Water Department in their efforts to design and construct a water tower in

the Village of Richfield. These plans have been in the works for over 20 years. I have been working closely with Council and the Cleveland Water Department Administration to determine the best site for the tower. Please know that we are being very mindful while making this decision, which we know will affect our residents and our landscape in our community forever.

### **IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE GREEN:**

Council approved plans to improve the parking lot at the Village Green. This parking lot was partially funded by a SWIF Grant (Surface Water Improvement Fund). We applied for \$150,000 and received the full amount. This parking lot improvement has been greatly needed for years and a big thank you to Brian Frantz, P and Z Director, and Melanie Baker, Service Director, along with

Craig Cawrse, of Cawrse and Associates, who provided guidance throughout the process. Construction will begin in April 2015. The parking lot plans can be reviewed **here**.

### **ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Following spring brings our summer programs. Our Recreation Department and Human Services Department (Senior Center) have a full complement of activities for ages 0 and above. Please visit our departments on our website to view these upcoming events.

### **SUGGESTIONS/QUESTIONS:**

Please feel free to call my office with any concerns or suggestions about our community, and thank you for your interest in our community. Our department heads strive to provide our residents with extremely useful information. Also please let us know if you have any suggestions for future newsletters.

Best Regards,

*Bobbie Beshara*  
**Mayor & Director of Public Safety**  
Village of Richfield

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# THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL

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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

**Windstream Business**.....1-800-843-9214

**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:

**Gas**.....1-855-667-3201

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

### Rubbish Removal:

**Rumpke**.....1-800-828-8171

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**Cleveland Water**.....(216) 664-3130

**Cleveland Water Emergency**.....(216) 664-3060

## POLICE

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## SERVICE

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

## SCAN CODE

for an online display of the upcoming months' events from our online calendar.



## ARBOR DAY & TREE GIVEAWAY



Come to **Town Hall Pavilion** and celebrate our 20th year as a "Tree City," awarded to us by the Arbor Day Foundation. Approximately 2,000 trees will be handed out, which starts at **9AM**, and goes until all the trees are gone!

We will also raffle off 20 Red Buds, which will be 3-4' tall, in honor of this distinction and our way of saying thanks to our residents.

For more information on the Arbor Day Foundation, you can visit their website at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN UP RICHFIELD



From **9AM to 12PM** on Saturday, April 25, help clean up the roadside mess from the winter here in Richfield. Pick any road or even your own neighborhood.

Receive supplies at two starting locations:  
 ♦ Richfield Town Hall Pavilion

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE RECREATION WEBSITE PAGE HERE

## MEMORIAL DAY



Please help honor the men and women of our armed services as we remember all Veterans and their sacrifices at two remembrance ceremonies on Memorial Day.

The **first** ceremony is at **8:00AM** at Fairview Cemetery on Brecksville Road, with donuts and coffee to follow at Richfield AmVets Post 176 on Wheatley Road.

The **second** ceremony will begin with a somber walk to the West Richfield Cemetery, where the ceremony will take place. Please meet at **9:30AM** at the Richfield Historical Society (Old Town Hall) on Broadview Road (across from the Richfield Post Office) to take part in the walk.

Local organizations will also be participating.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to construction and repaving, parking will not be allowed in the Village Green parking lot. Parking availability will be indicated in the area that day. Thank you for understanding and see you at the walk.



## SAFETY TOWN

### SESSIONS RUN FROM



Two sessions during the week:

**Session #1: 9AM - 12PM**  
**Session #2: 1PM - 4PM**

Applications for students and volunteers can be found on the Revere Local Schools website, the Rec Center, the Police Dept. website, the Library or can be picked up at the Richfield Police station. For more information, visit the Village of Richfield website.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR THE RICHFIELD COMMUNITY DAYS



### PARADE

The parade will begin at **6:30PM**, and travel from Town Hall to Richfield Woods.



Contact Rick Hudak at **(330)659-3991** or the Rec Center to register if you would like to participate in the parade.



### BATH-RICHFIELD EXPLORER PANCAKE BREAKFAST



### SAFETY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

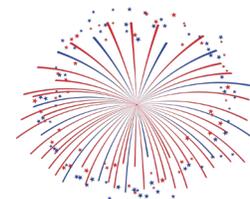
### STEAKFRY

At **4PM**, sponsored by the Masons & Sons of Amvets, proceeds go toward Revere scholarships



### COMMUNITY DAY

Events will take place throughout the entire day, and at dusk there will be Village-sponsored fireworks.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH SPECIFIC TIMES AND EVENTS TO COME**

## MORE FROM THE MAYOR



I attended Career Day at Bath Elementary, and Kodak, our Fire Prevention dog, attended as well.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Members of our Planning and Zoning Commission who attended a day trip to New Albany, Ohio to tour their city. Thank you to Richfield's own, Brian Bush, who approached me on Community Day and encouraged us to visit this fine community.



It was quite an honor to attend the Blue and Gold Banquet of Richfield Cub Scout Pack 3387. Congratulations to all the boys and their families.

### THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MAYOR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

*in partnership with*



Mark your calendar to participate in the following events at Richfield Village Hall. All events begin at **6PM**.

- ◆ May 18 - **Yoga Session & Plank Challenge**
- ◆ June 15 - **Cooking Demo by UH Ahuja Chef**
- ◆ July 13 - **Walk With a UH Ahuja Doc on the Carter Pedigo Trail**

Challenge Wrap-up from **1PM to 5PM**

- ◆ August 9 - Fitness Challenge and UH Ahuja Wrap-up at **Richfield Community Days**

The goal for participants is to achieve 2,400 minutes of exercise over this 20 week period. That's approximately 30 minutes per day at least four days per week. There will be Wellness Checkpoints on the dates listed above starting in **May through July from 6-7:30PM**.

Participants who reach the goal of 2,400 minutes of exercise will receive a sport duffel bag at Richfield's Community Day.

### LATE SIGN-UPS

The Mayor's Fitness Challenge kicked off on April 19th. In case you missed the signups at the event, you can contact Mayor Beshara to sign up.

**mayor@richfieldvillageohio.org**  
or **(330)659-9201**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RICHFIELD RESIDENTS CAN NOW RECEIVE REAL TIME PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGES THROUGH NIXLE

The Richfield Police Department has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

### AS A RESIDENT, THERE ARE SEVERAL SIMPLE WAYS TO REGISTER:

- ◆ Text your ZIPCODE to 888777 from your mobile phone
- ◆ Visit the Police Department page [here](#) & sign up via the Nixle Widget
- ◆ Visit [Nixle.com](#) and click SIGN UP NOW



Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to [www.nixle.com](#) and creating a User Profile. Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text to their mobile device.

- All Alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from the Richfield Police Department. Nixle Alerts can be sent via Text, Email, Web, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network, and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange.



**Simple | Trusted | No Cost**

Go to [www.nixle.com](#) and click [Sign Up Now!](#)

### ABOUT NIXLE

Founded in 2009, Nixle provides a mass communications hub built exclusively for government to provide secure, reliable, and relevant information to residents in real-time. Today, over 7,200 Agencies around the United States rely on Nixle for Community Engagement and Emergency Communications. Nixle's exclusive partnerships with NLETS, Google and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children allows local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. For more information, visit [www.nixle.com](#).



**The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our community.**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## RISING FLOOD WATERS



**It is terrifying for someone to be trapped by rising flood waters.**

**According to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency:**

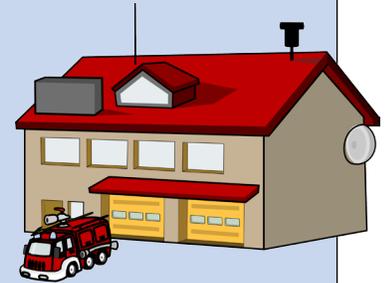
“Flooding is the most frequently occurring natural disaster in Ohio as well as the United States.”

- ◆ Floods in Ohio occur when flow exceeds the natural or artificial confines of a river, stream or body of water.
- ◆ Flooding peaks following winter thaws and spring rains.
- ◆ River flooding is the most common type of flood event.
- ◆ Avoid contact with flood water. It may contain oil, gasoline, raw sewage, or any number of undesirable materials.

### THE RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES OUR COMMUNITY TO STAY CLEAR OF:

- ▶ FLOODED ROADWAYS
- ▶ BODIES OF WATER
- ▶ STREAMS

***DURING THESE TIMES OF HIGH-RISK FLOODING***



### NEW FIRE PUMPER RESCUE TRUCK

After two years of planning, Richfield’s new fire truck has been delivered. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen. This new 3014 replaces two fire trucks and will be in service soon!





# Department of Commerce

## Division of State Fire Marshal

John R. Kasich, **Governor**  
Andre T. Porter, **Director**

8895 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
1-888-243-0305  
TTY/TDD: 1-800-750-0750  
www.com.ohio.gov

## Cooking Safety

The Division of State Fire Marshal is reminding Ohioans about the dangers of cooking fires in the home. According to the U.S. Fire Administration about 3,500 American die each year in fires and about 18,300 are injured. You can stop the fire before it starts. Use this fact sheet to learn how to prevent a fire in your home.

- **Watch What You Heat:**
  - o Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
  - o If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer as a reminder.
- **Keep Things That Can Catch Fire Away from a Heat Source:**
  - o Keep oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, curtains –away from your stovetop.
  - o Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean. Clean up spilled food and grease from burners and stove top.
  - o Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeve when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- **Keep Children and Pets Away from the Cooking Area:**
  - o Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
  - o Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
  - o Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.
- **Prevent Home Kitchen Fires by:**
  - o Staying Alert. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicines or drugs that make you drowsy.
  - o Heat cooking oil slowly to avoid burns from spattering grease.
  - o Make sure you turn off the stove or oven when you are finished using it.
  - o Never use the stove or oven to heat your home.
  - o Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure all appliances are turned off.
- **Be Prepared for a Fire:**
  - o Keep an ABC multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Water and grease are a dangerous combination and could cause hot greases to splatter.
  - o If you are cooking and a fire starts, turn off the stove or burner and put a lid on the pan to stop it. Never throw water on a grease fire.
  - o Have a working smoke alarm. A working smoke alarm greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire.
  - o Prepare an escape plan and practice it twice a year. Have a common meeting place for everyone to gather. Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two (2) escape routes from their bedrooms.



# SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY

### Residents:

Residents are encouraged to inspect, replace and/or repair their mailbox before the snow season so it is sturdy enough to withstand the sludge, etc. thrown by the plow. It is the responsibility of the property owners of each mailbox to remove snow/ice to ensure mail delivery. Mailboxes shall not overhang any curb or pavement surfaces used as part of the travel lanes. Follow both USPS and ODOT regulations for proper placement.

### Policy:

The Village will only repair/replace property installed/placed mailboxes and posts that are directly hit by a snow plow. The Village does not repair/replace mailboxes and posts that are damaged by snow/or any other object thrown from the snow plow, or mailboxes that lean out over the curb or pavement. The Village will not repair/replace a mailbox hit by a non-village vehicle or snow plow. The Village does not repair/replace posts that were rotten at/near the base and failed due to age or natural deterioration of such posts.

If a properly positioned mailbox, (usually 18 to 24 inches behind the edge of the road or 8 to 12 inches behind the curb) meeting ODOT and USPS requirements, is struck by Village snow removal equipment due to non-weather related causes, the Village will either repair or replace the mailbox/post with a simple standard mailbox and 4" x 4" post. If a mailbox is improperly positioned per ODOT and the United States Postal Service requirements and/or overhanging the curb or edge of pavement and is struck by the Village plow, the Village is not responsible for damage.

The Village reserves the right to make a determination as to a repair or replacement on a case-by-case basis. A call should be made to the Service Department within 48 hours of the incident. A determination will be made within 24 hours of the call being made during working hours and weather permitting.

### Direct Replacements / Compensation (requested by homeowner):

In the event the Village determines that repair or replacement is appropriate by the homeowner requests compensation in lieu of such repair or replacement, the Village will pay \$50 to the homeowner in lieu of repair or replacement. In instances of a request for compensation, a form describing the post, material type, mailbox, location in reference to the roadway, extent of damage and receipt for purchase is required to be completed. Inspection of the new mailbox and installation will take place to verify the proper location and placement of the box will occur prior to disbursement of payment.

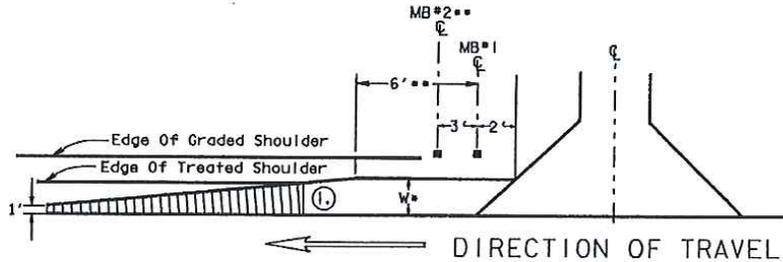
### Repair / Replacement of Boxes and Posts:

If the Village determines the repair/replacement of a mailbox and/or post is warranted, the repair/replacement will be as follows:

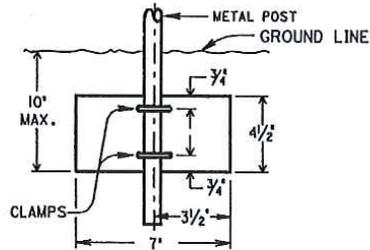
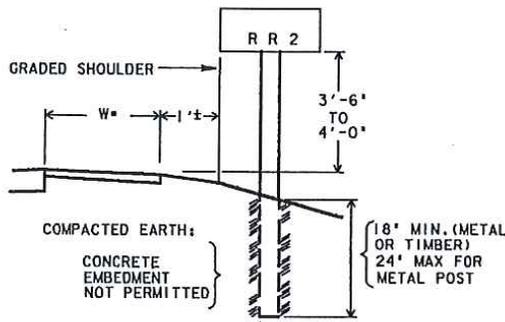
- ◆ The mailbox will be reinstalled if applicable.
- ◆ If replacement of the post is required, the post will only be replaced with an ODOT-approved replacement, as chosen by the Village, of a 4" x 4" wooden post or 4.5" diameter round timber or a maximum 2" diameter (2 3/8" OD Schedule 40 standard strength steel pipe), all to be placed 2 feet in the ground.
- ◆ If replacement of the mailbox is required, the mailbox will be a standard USPS mailbox of 19" x 6.5" x 8" dimensions.

***Questions regarding this policy can be directed to the Service Director.***

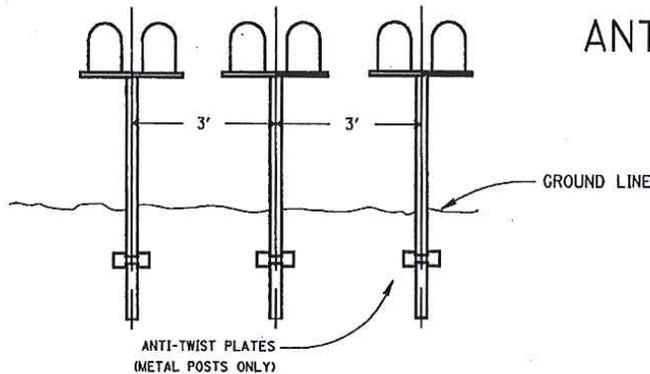
<b>MAILBOX FACILITIES</b>	<b>803-1</b>
	REFERENCE SECTION
	<b>803.1</b>



- ① End mailbox turnout at edge of treated shoulder or 1' which ever is greater
- Where posts are behind guardrail, turnout shall extend to face of guardrail. Where no guardrail is required, turnout width shall be 6' minimum.
- Add 3' for each additional mailbox



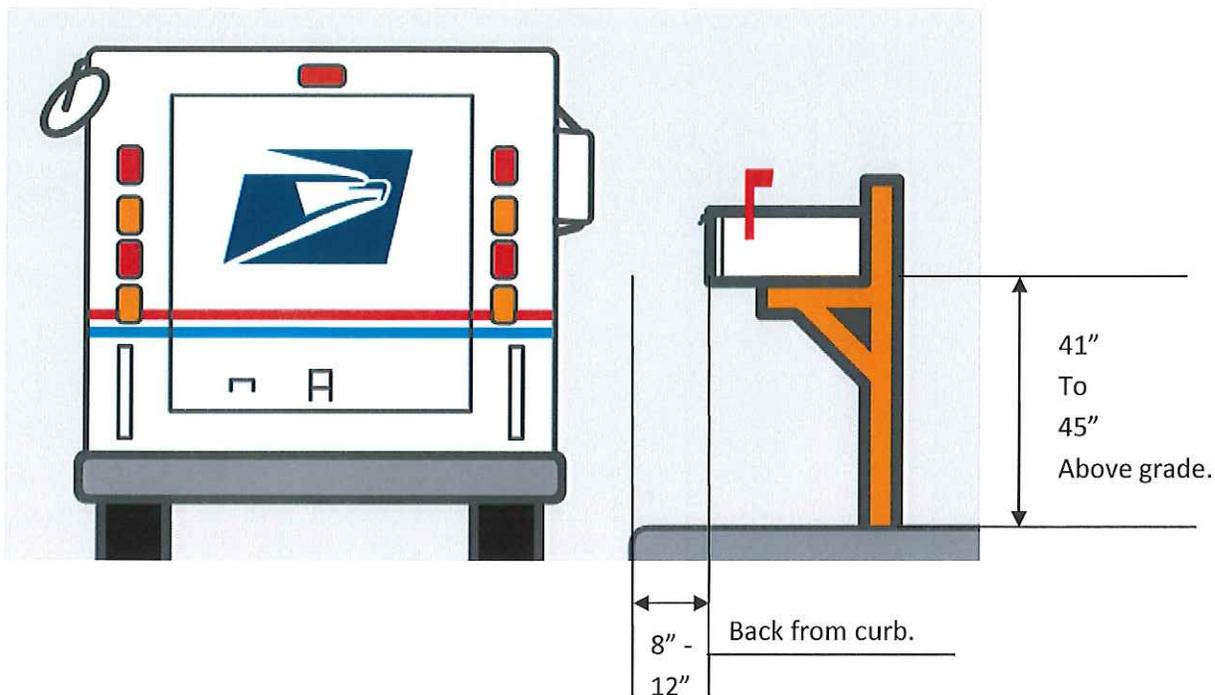
**ANTI-TWIST PLATE**



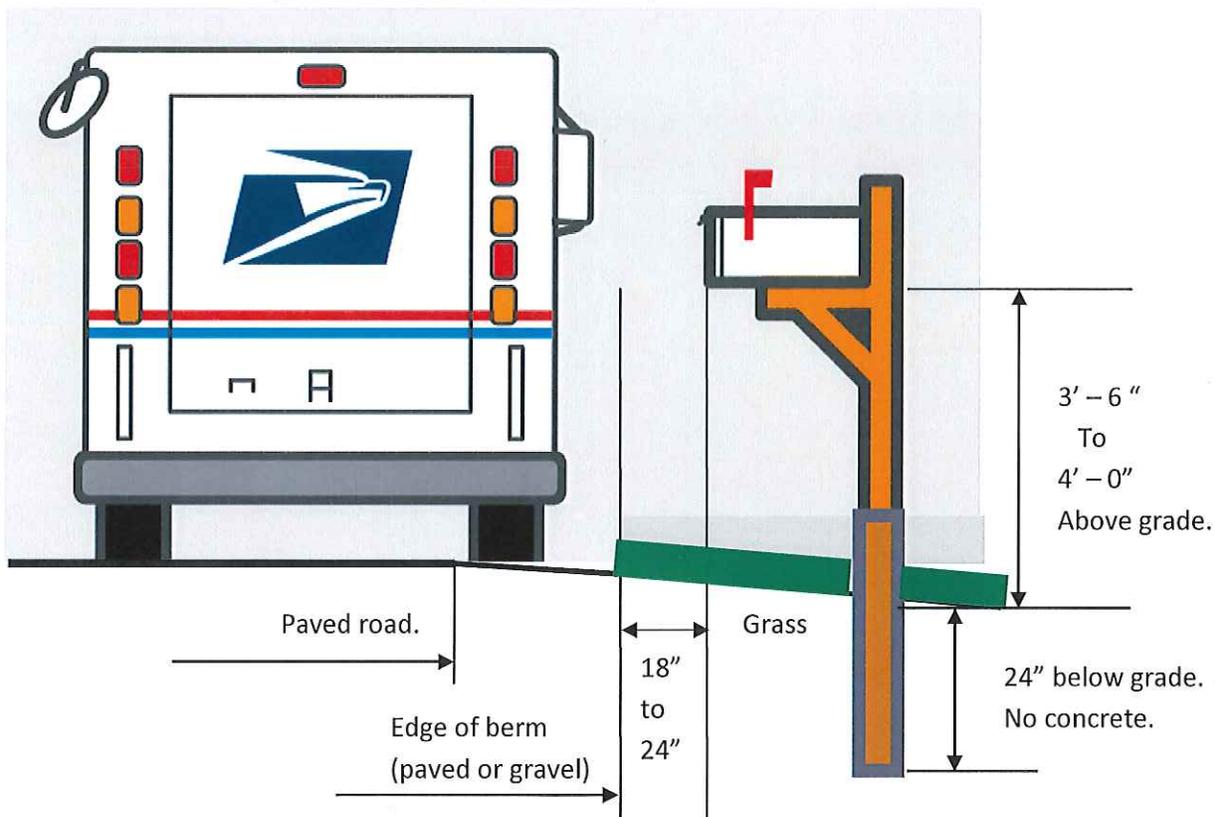
**GROUP MAILBOX INSTALLATION**

**ODOT Installation Requirements**

### Curb Street Setback



### Paved Street Setback



## ODOT & USPS Installation Requirements

# BRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM 2015

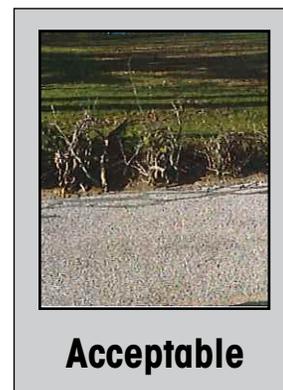
**Chipping will begin May 1st and will be done weekly, weather permitting**

"Brush" is any woody plant material, no larger than 8 inches in diameter and a minimum of 18 inches long or longer. Any brush shorter than 18 inches will not properly feed through the chipper and is more likely to clog resulting in down time. It is better to compost these items.



### Items we cannot chip:

- ◆ **Dimensional Lumber**
- ◆ **Hedge Clippings**
- ◆ **Weeds**
- ◆ **Cornstalks**
- ◆ **Anything with excessive dirt**
- ◆ **Bundles wrapped in twine or wire**
- ◆ **Stumps/roots**  
(Anything from below ground, no matter how "clean" it may appear)
- ◆ **Lot or Land Clearing Brush**



### Staging of Brush at Road:

- ◆ All branches should face with base end of branch facing the street.
- ◆ Branches can be no larger than 8 inches in diameter;
- ◆ The longer the branch, the easier to load and run through the chipper. However, the branch should be able to be picked up by an employee.
- ◆ Excess grass between branches will hinder pick up or will not allow piles to be picked up.
- ◆ When possible, leave some separation between piles. This is to allow employees the ability to reach in and pull the pile to the chipper.
- ◆ We ask that you keep your piles to a minimum so that our time at each place should be no longer than 30 minutes. This will allow the Village to move in a steady fashion throughout the community so everyone's brush can be picked up.
- ◆ In order to help us streamline our operations and better serve the community, we ask that you hold off setting your brush out for pickup until you have at least an armload.

**Piles may not be picked up if they are too difficult to remove or are not placed properly.**

If you have any questions, please call the service department **330-659-9201 ext. 5** or visit our website **[www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org)** and look under Service Dept. for further details.

# PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Spring is just around the corner and grass will be growing.....so please remember to cut your lawn.

**Below is the language from the Village's Codified Ordinances regarding lawn and yard maintenance:**



## Section 1307.14 Cutting of Tall Grass and Noxious Weeds

of the Exterior Property Maintenance Code was amended last year by the Village Council. Noxious weeds are any plant which is currently listed as a "prohibited and restricted noxious weed" by the Director of Agriculture in the Ohio Administrative Code. Uncontrolled growth is determined to be all grasses and/or weeds growing at a height of eight inches or higher. Property Owners who are in violation of this Section will be notified by the Planning & Zoning Department and will have five days to comply/or remedy the violation.

## 1307.08 General Exterior Maintenance

of the Exterior Property Maintenance Code states the following regarding yard maintenance:

- (a) The exterior surfaces of all structures or uses within the Village whether functional or aesthetic, shall be maintained in good repair. Any exterior part or feature thereof having functional use shall be capable of performing the use for which such part or feature was designed.
- (b) The entire yard area and extending up to and including the lot line in all directions, shall be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.



Please be mindful of the Village rules related to these matters and be respectful of your neighbors by keeping your yard kept and in good general maintenance. If you have any questions about the rules, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Zoning Department at **(330) 659-9201x6**.

# RECREATION CENTER

## ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

Sign up for any of these weekly programs, and pay on your first day.  
Just call (330)-659-5818 and let Richfield Parks & Recreation know to expect to you.

<p><b>BODY ROCK</b></p> <p>This is a 60 minute, intensive class that focuses on building core strength, endurance, and flexibility.</p> <p><i>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</i> 9:45 - 10:45 am</p>	<p><b>CARDIO, SCULPT &amp; TONE</b></p> <p>An hour cardio workout using a variety of formats to achieve a hi-lo workout to get the heart rate going.</p> <p><i>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</i> 6:45 - 7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>PIYO</b></p> <p>A pre-designed class to get your heart rate going, featuring various styles of yoga and pilates.</p> <p><i>Wednesdays &amp; Fridays</i> 9:15 - 10:15 am</p>
<p><b>ULTIMATE BOOT CAMP</b></p> <p>A popular interval class that mixes calisthenics and body weight exercises with cardio and strength training.</p> <p><i>Saturdays</i> 9:00 - 10:20 am</p>	<p><b>BARRE FITNESS</b></p> <p>A core-based, high-energy/no-impact class, combining barre work and light weights with fat-burning motions.</p> <p><i>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</i> 5:45 - 6:45 am</p>	<p><b>WALK LIVE</b></p> <p>Get in a great cardio workout by walking 3-4 miles in 52 minutes.</p> <p><i>Thursdays</i> 6:00 pm</p>



A fantastic summer camp, filled with fun outdoor games, crafts, field trips, swimming, and hiking!

- WEEK 1:** June 15th - 19th
- WEEK 2:** June 22nd - 26th
- WEEK 3:** July 6th - July 10th
- WEEK 4:** July 13th - July 17th
- WEEK 5:** July 20th - July 24th
- WEEK 6:** July 27th - August 31st
- WEEK 7:** August 3rd - August 7th

**Camp runs from** 9am - 4pm  
**Before care:** 8am - 9am  
**After care:** 4pm - 5pm

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:**  
Registration *before* May 15th:  
**Resident:** \$110/week  
**Non-Resident:** \$115/week  
**Before/After Care:** \$20/week

REGISTRATION **AFTER MAY 15th:**  
**Resident:** \$130/week  
**Non-Resident:** \$135/week  
**Before/After Care:** \$20/week

CLICK **HERE** TO SIGN UP OR VISIT THE REC PAGE ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE



# SENIOR CENTER

**THE SENIOR CENTER IS HAPPILY LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING AND THE RETURN OF MANY ACTIVITIES**



## MOVIE TUESDAY

(**1st Tuesday of Month at Noon**) will return commencing in May, so please join us for a great movie, wonderful refreshments, fun critique of the movie, and friendship. Check back later for an update on the movie.



## DINNER TIME

The Dinner Group continues dinner outings on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month. Check your calendar for restaurants chosen.



## WORK IT OUT

The **Yoga** class meets every **Tuesday and Friday at 10:00AM** for relaxation, meditation, and stretching.

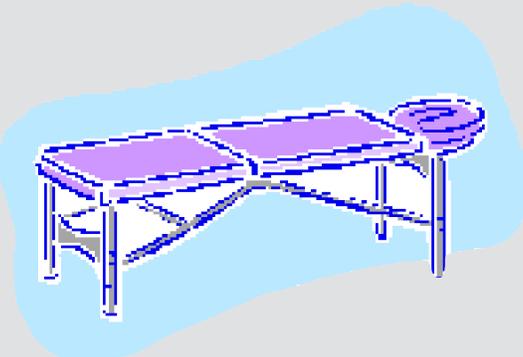


## THE MEMORIES UNLIMITED

The **Senior Center Band** has resumed band practices, and hosts a monthly "Jam Session." The monthly "Jam Session" occurs on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **1:00PM**. Please join us for fantastic music – sing along, dance, just listen to the music, and enjoy some refreshments.



## RELAX WITH A MASSAGE



Massages are offered the **1st & 3rd Mondays** of each month. To schedule an appointment and for additional information call: **330-659-9203**.

The **Tai Chi** class meets every **Wednesday at 11:00AM** for exercise and movements stressing balance control, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness.

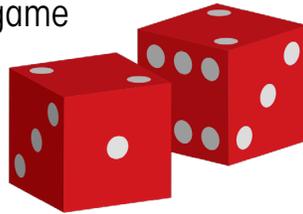


**Bus shopping** continues the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of the month.



# READY FOR A NEW GAME?

There is a new game in town --- we now feature "Bunco in the Afternoon" **once a month** on a **Tuesday at 1:00PM**. This is a simple but fun dice game that ANYONE can play. It is a lot of fun, will get you out of the house, and enjoy friendship and snacks. **Check your calendar for the monthly date.**



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME



An **Ice Cream Social** is in the planning stages for sometime in the **summer**. Once details are figured out, more information will become available.

# THE DISCUSSION GROUP

The **Aging Concerns Discussion Group** continues meeting on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month **at 1:00PM**. This is an open ended discussion group in which participants can discuss their concerns about the aging process and the changes that come with it. Open to everyone interested.



# MOST POPULAR PROGRAM LUNCH & BINGO

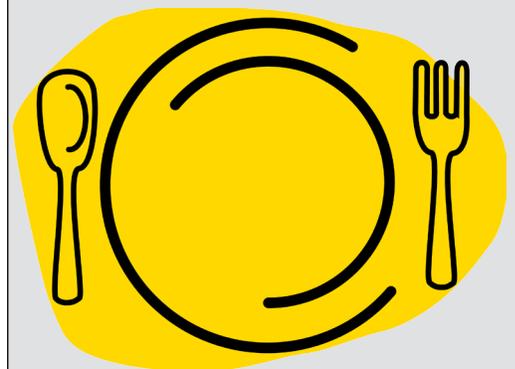
Occurs every **Thursday** commencing at **11:30AM**



*Join us for a home cooked meal and play a few bingo games.*

# SENIOR MEALS

The **Seniors Meal delivery** and the **Health Monitoring programs** have increased.

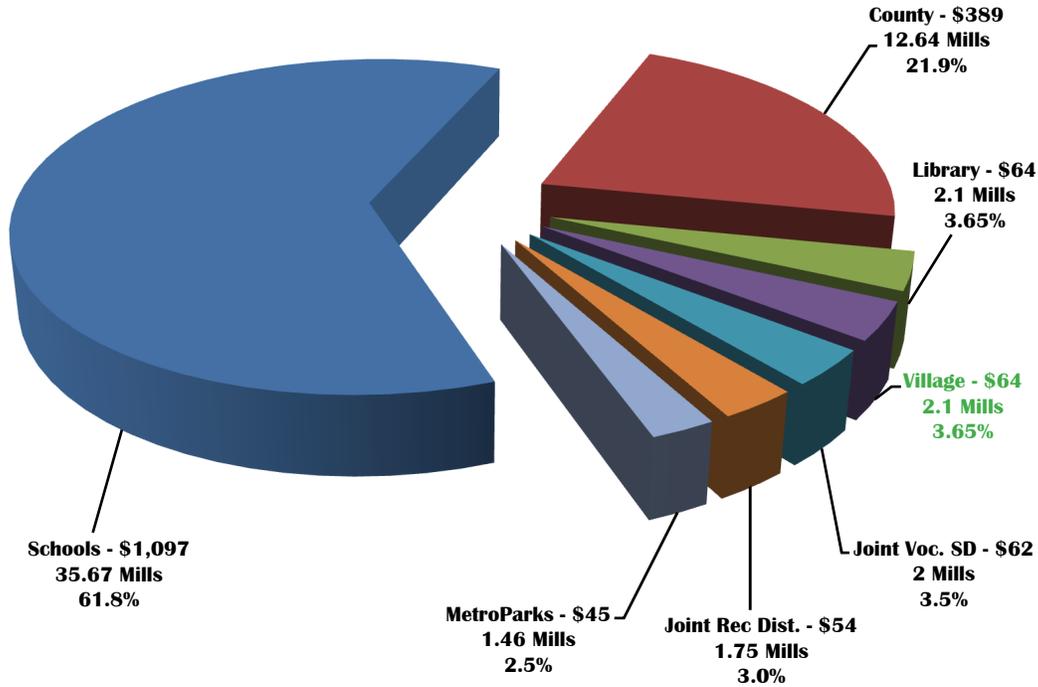


# QUESTIONS?

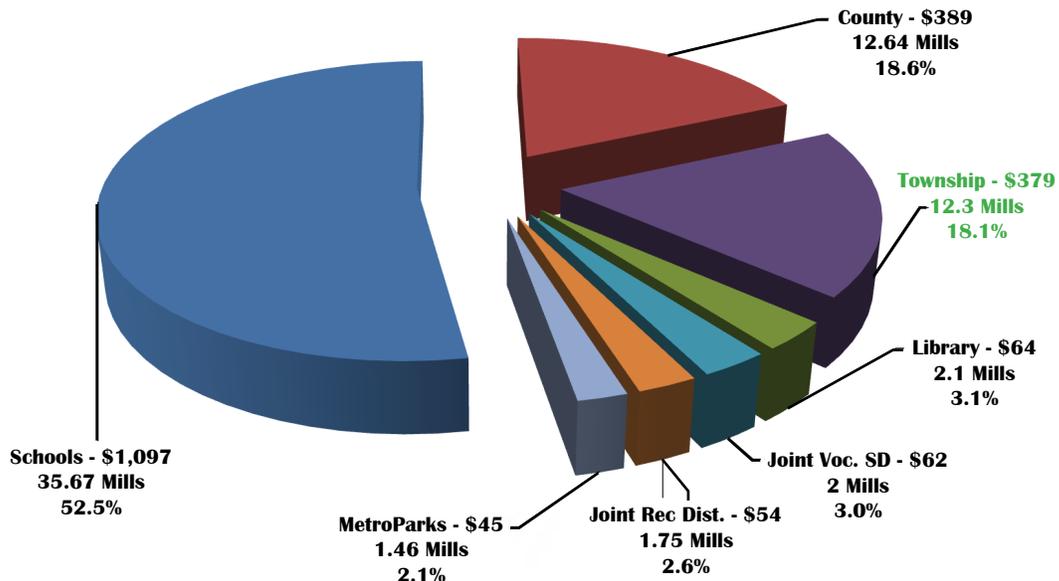
Call the senior center for additional information at:  
**330-659-9203.**

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

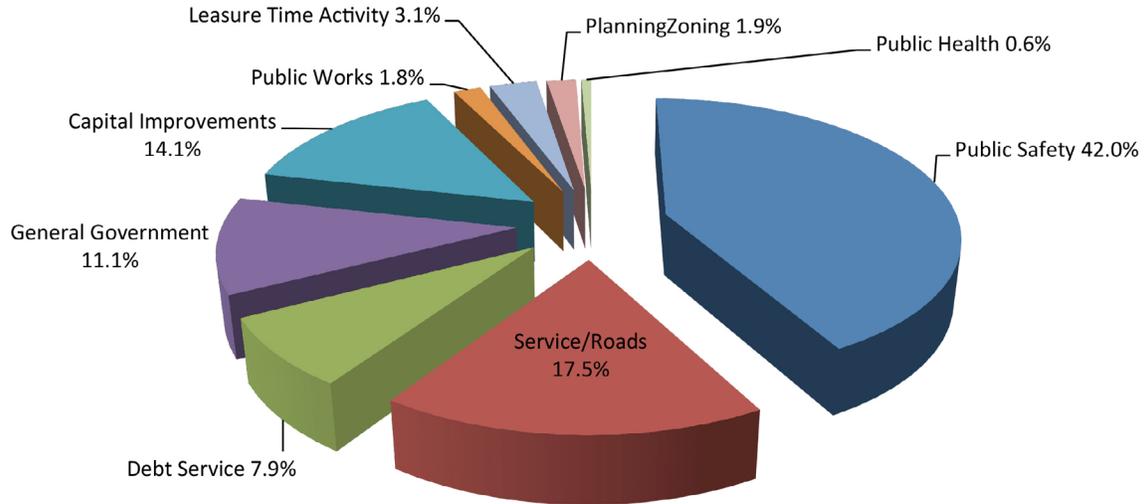
## Village of Richfield Resident \$100,000 Home Tax Contribution - \$1,775 Tax Year 2014/Collection Year 2015 (57.72 MILLS)



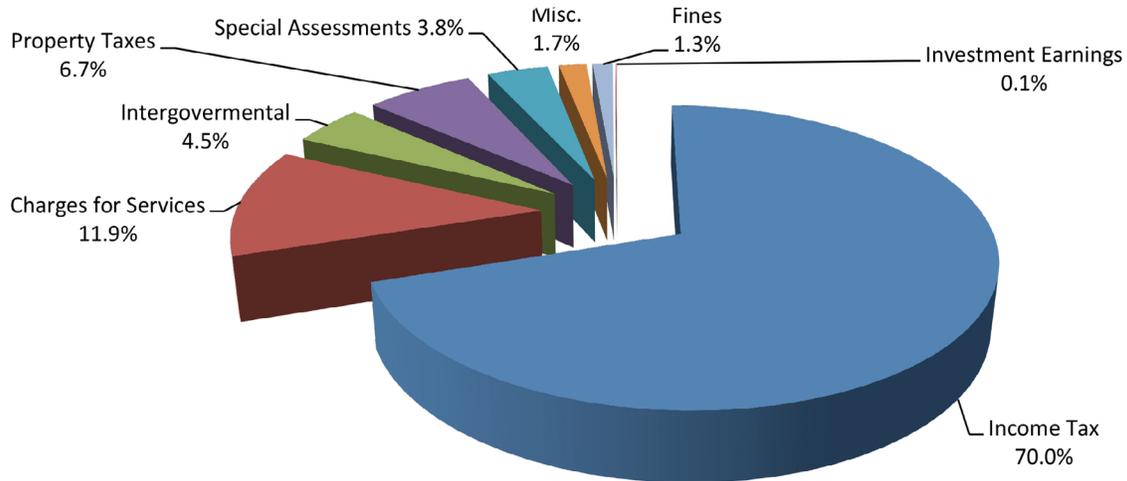
## Richfield Township Resident \$100,000 Home Tax Contribution - \$2,500 Tax Year 2014/Collection Year 2015 (67.92 MILLS)



## HOW RICHFIELD VILLAGE DOLLARS ARE SPENT 2014 OPERATING EXPENDITURES - \$11.6M



## WHERE RICHFIELD DOLLARS COME FROM 2014 OPERATING REVENUE - \$12.6M



EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION	2014
Public Safety (Police & Fire)	\$ 4,868.4
Transportation (Service & Road Maint.)	\$ 2,033.8
Debt Service	\$ 919.9
General Government	\$ 1,287.8
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,630.8
Public Works (Solid Waste & Water)	\$ 207.3
Leisure Time Activity (Parks & Senior)	\$ 356.5
Environment (Planning & Zoning)	\$ 222.5
Public Health	\$ 74.4
<b>TOTAL (Without Sewer Operations)</b>	<b>\$ 11,601.4</b>

REVENUE BY SOURCE	2014
Income Tax	\$ 8,827.5
Charges for Services	\$ 1,503.3
Intergovernmental	\$ 563.4
Property Taxes & Other Taxes	\$ 843.5
Special Assessments	\$ 480.6
Miscellaneous (Refunds, Leases, Rentals)	\$ 217.4
Fines, Licenses & Permits	\$ 159.3
Investment Earnings	\$ 12.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,607.00</b>

# RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.rjrd.org](http://www.rjrd.org)

The **Richfield Joint Recreation District** was formed through the historic collaboration of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township, which identified the need for preserving, maintaining and operating the park-like properties within the municipality to benefit the residents of Richfield and surrounding communities.

## Together, the RJRD Board of Trustees hope to preserve natural properties in Richfield by:

- ◆ Identifying potential properties that would offer outdoor opportunities to foster educational, historical and recreational activities to protect the value and investments in our community.
- ◆ Develop, implement and operate long-term recreation plans that are sustainable and accessible to the community.
- ◆ Operate a collaborative initiative with the Residents of Richfield to maintain the rural residential environment the community desires.

## THIS & THAT



### BASEBALL HOTLINE

For updates on field and weather conditions, please call our baseball hotline at:

➡ **(330) 659-9201 ext. 7**

➡ Press 1 for baseball

**TO VIEW THE 2014  
 STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**  
 CLICK [HERE](#)  
 or  
 visit [www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org)  
 for a PDF of the Mayor's presentation

### RUMPKE TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE

The Village of Richfield and Rumpke offer trash service to Richfield residents. Trash service starts at **7AM** and all solid waste and recyclables must be at the street curb for collection.

For larger pickup items, or bigger than normal trash items, please call Rumpke at **1-800-828-8171** before your trash day to notify them of your item.



To Report a missed pickup, please call The Village of Richfield Service Department at **330-659-9201 Ext. 5.**

Visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for more information or The Village of Richfield Service Department page on our website.

# THIS & THAT

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PROSECUTOR

*Sherrri Bevan Walsh*



CLICK THE SEAL OR VISIT:  
[www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/](http://www.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/)

## DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual reports for each department are available online. To find each of the reports, visit the Village of Richfield homepage:  
[www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org).

These report documents are used to compile a profile on each department that contains the responsibilities of that department, and what they did throughout the year.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



If you are interested in getting involved in our community, we have many different organizations and groups for you to consider!

### CHECK OUT THE ORGANIZATIONS HERE:

- ➡ [www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org)
- ➡ Residents Tab

## MORE ABOUT TREE CITY USA

Richfield, in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, has been awarded the title of "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 20th year.

The Village of Richfield will be giving away a variety of trees on **April 25th** at the Town Hall Pavilion at **9AM**. We will also raffle off 20 Red Buds, which will be 3-4' tall, in honor of this distinction and our way of saying thanks to our residents.



For more information on the Arbor Day Foundation and on Tree City USA, visit the Arbor Day Foundation website [here](#).

## SAVE OHIO'S BUTTERFLIES FROM TOXIC SPRAYING

The Ohio Department of Agriculture and Wayne National Forest are planning to spray a dangerous insecticide called BitK all over Ohio to decrease the Gypsy Moth, a non-native moth that impacts trees through eating of leaves. Unfortunately, BitK doesn't just kill the Gypsy Moth - it could wipe out every type of butterfly it touches.



Spraying will begin early this spring and impact caterpillars of all varieties in Ohio. Areas all across Ohio will be impacted with this non-specific aerial spraying, and if we don't act now - there will be a lot less butterflies to enjoy this summer. Other alternatives such as pheromone flakes or Gypchek only affect the gypsy moth and would protect native butterflies.



SIERRA CLUB

Visit the Sierra Club website [here](#) to stand up for the butterflies today.

[www.ohiosierraclub.org](http://www.ohiosierraclub.org)

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

D.U.M.P. (Dispose of Unused Medications Properly). The Village of Richfield acquired a grant in 2012 for this program. This program is also a joint venture with several Summit County agencies. The box is located in front of the police station and has the appearance of a gray mail box. It allows residence to drive up and put unwanted or outdated medication in the box for proper destruction.

### Please Remember:

1. Keep the medicines in the original container.
2. Mark out your name and address.
3. Secure the container.
4. Deposit the medicines in the disposal box.

## SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Protecting and advancing the health of the entire community through policies, programs and activities that protect the safety, health and well-being of the people in Summit County.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

1867 West Market Street,  
Akron, Ohio 44313

(330) 923-4891  
(877) 687-0002  
TTY 711

[www.scphoh.org](http://www.scphoh.org)



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# THIS & THAT

## THE AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOOD BANK



The Foodbank provides food and other essential items to member agencies in eight Northeast Ohio counties. These member agencies operate 500 food pantries, hot meal sites, shelters and other hunger-relief programs in the neighborhoods and communities where people need food. Please consider donating to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Find out how on their website in the link below.

Click the logo for more information or visit [www.akroncantonfoodbank.org](http://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org)

## RICHFIELD NIGHT

at  
**Akron Rubber Ducks Game**  
vs. Erie SeaWolves



**August 22nd @ 7:05PM**

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT PRICES & TICKET PICK-UP AT A LATER DATE

## 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!



## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As the temperatures starts to warm up, construction is going to be creating road closures and delays. To be sure that you are aware of your routes that might be affected, check with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The Village of Richfield is in ODOT District #4. Visit [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us) for the updates.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT RICHFIELD & OHIO

### CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

USED TO PLAY AT THE RICHFIELD COLISEUM UNTIL MOVING TO THE GUND ARENA IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND IN THE MID 1990S.



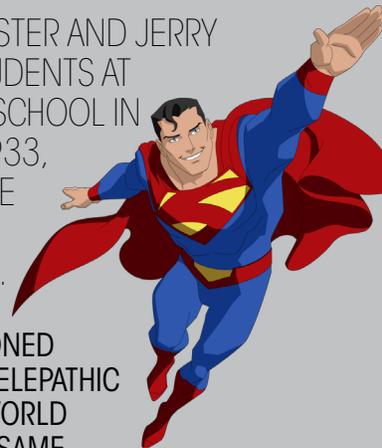
### PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

CLEVELAND'S PLAYHOUSE SQUARE CENTER IS THE SECOND LARGEST PERFORMING ARTS VENUE IN THE UNITED STATES.



### A FAMOUS COMIC HERO

WHEN JOE SCHUSTER AND JERRY SIEGAL WERE STUDENTS AT GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND IN 1933, THEY CREATED THE FAMOUS COMIC HERO SUPERMAN.



THEY FIRST ENVISIONED HIM TO BE A BALD TELEPATHIC VILLAIN BENT ON WORLD DOMINATION. THAT SAME YEAR, THEY CHANGED HIS LOOK, AND MADE HIM INTO THE HERO WE KNOW TODAY.

### FIFTY PERCENT

OF THE UNITED STATES POPULATION LIVES WITHIN A 500-MILE RADIUS OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.



### AKRON, OHIO

WAS THE FIRST CITY TO USE POLICE CARS.





CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE

## CURBSIDE UNWANTED CLOTHING & MORE PICK-UP

### STEP #1:

Place clothing, shoes, and small household items that you no longer need in the Simple Recycling bag provided, or another waterproof bag with a tag or large label reading "SIMPLE RECYCLING."

### STEP #2:

Leave the designated bag(s) curbside on the same day you place your regular recycling for collection. If you need more collection bags, call **866-835-5068**.

### STEP #3:

Simple Recycling will collect the bags and recycle their contents for reuse!

\*This program is in addition to your current recycling program. The recycling bin will remain the same.

### EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Clothing                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pants                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Clothing                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Beds & Clothing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Clothing                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skirts                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes & Slippers (in pairs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boots  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (singles or in pairs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bras   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animals             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coats & Jackets                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Suits                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curtains/Draperies                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweaters                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dresses  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatpants                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Accessories                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirts                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Costumes                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Linens                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handbags & Purses                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ties                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hats   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans  | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchenware  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas  | <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts                    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments               |

**\*\*Appliances, furniture, tires, paint, carpeting, mattresses, traditional recyclables (metal, glass, paper), and hazardous waste CANNOT be collected.**

### DID YOU KNOW:

**Clothing & textiles are 100% recyclable. But, 85% still end up in landfills!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com)



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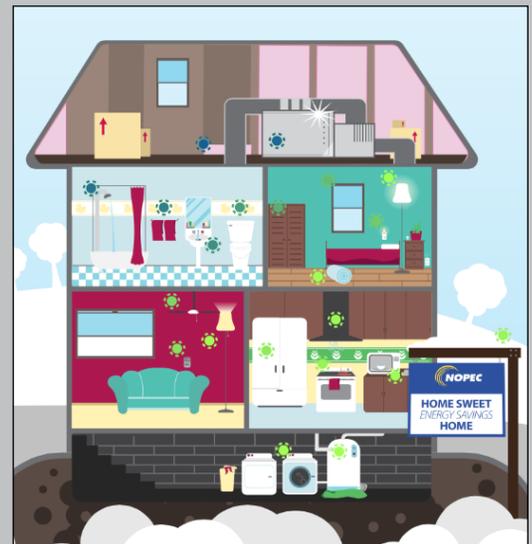
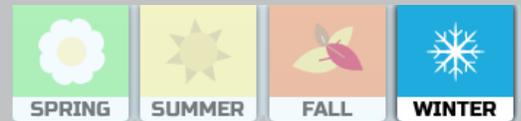
**The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)** is an organization of local governments in Northeast Ohio that work cooperatively to provide a competitive environment for energy cost savings for individual customers.

**NOPEC** is the largest governmental aggregator in the nation. We have over 185 communities in 13 counties. We serve Cuyahoga, Lake, Ashtabula, Lorain, Huron, Summit, Medina, Portage, Trumbull, Columbiana, Mahoning, Seneca and Geauga counties.

## CHECK THIS OUT:

With this interactive house, you can visit each room during each season, and find out different facts about ways to save energy.

Visit the NOPEC website or click **here** to check out the house.



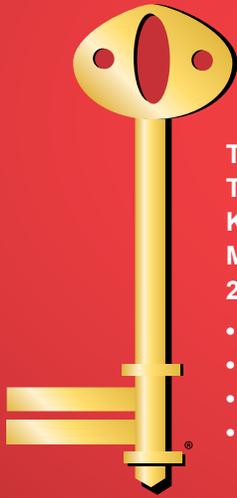
Since 2000 NOPEC has been using bulk buying power techniques to reduce energy cost to our communities and their members.

We are pleased to provide, MyNOPEC as a free service to our members.

**MyNOPEC lets you:**

- ◆ Track your energy usage
- ◆ Compare your usage to your neighbors and those in other communities
- ◆ Earn prizes
- ◆ Have fun

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON NOPEC VISIT:  
**[www.nopecinfo.org](http://www.nopecinfo.org)**



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