For Sale

FOR SALE
Whirlpool gas clothes dryer. Model WGD4616FW1. $200.00 O.B.O. Call Don 320-443-0137.

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Miscellaneous

SNOWBLOWING
Will do snowblowing of driveways in town of Richmond. 31 years experience. Call: Morris 320-248-0903.

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We pay top dollar for junk cars, trucks and late model repairables!
Call 320-236-7477

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River Lakes Arena is Open for the New Skating Season!

Introduce your youngsters to ice skating! Open skating is available from 6:30-8 p.m. on Sunday evenings and for those of you who still love the game of hockey, drop by for adult open hockey on Sunday evenings from 8:15-9:45 p.m.

Open Skate, Hockey and Rental prices as follows:

Youth/ Students - $5.00
Adults - $7.00
Skate Rental - $3.00
Skate Sharpening - $5.00.

Inexpensive family fun!

Should you have further questions, please feel free to call the Arena Manager, Kevin Mooney at 597-7522 or you can also email him at: riverlakesarena@ci.richmond.mn.us.

Hours for the Outdoor Rink and Warming house are as follows. The rink will be open once weather can maintain conditions at the rink.

Week Days - 4 p.m.-9 p.m.
Weekends - 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council 8303

Meetings are held at the Sts. Peter & Paul Church Gathering Space on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For all members attending there is a chance at a cash prize. If you have questions, please call Drew at 320-597-2471.

Township News

Contact Information:

Collegeville - Joe Pohl, Town Clerk - 320-293-5009

Farming - Holly Roush, Town Clerk - 320-309-8006

Wakefield - Heidi Stalboerger, Town Clerk - 320-597-8155

Munson - Kathy Hemmesch, Town Clerk - 320-597-2432

Township Meetings

Wakefield - Wakefield Township Hall is located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, MN. For meeting information go to www.wakefieldtownship.net. Should you wish to address the Board, please contact the township clerk, Heidi Stalboerger, at 597-8155. Should you wish to be on the agenda, deadline is one week prior to the Board Meeting.

Munson - Meets the third Monday of the month at Munson Town Hall, 23857 Co. Rd. 23, Richmond at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call the Township Clerk at 597-2432.

Collegeville - Meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall located at 27724 County Road 50 (east of Big Fish Lake) at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call 320-293-5009.

Farming - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Farming Community Center, 23801 Co. Rd. 42, Richmond, MN 56368. For information, please contact the township clerk, Holly Roush at 320-309-8006 or email: farmingtownship@gmail.com.

It's Game On! Sunday Afternoon Fun with Farming Lions Bingo!

Every Sunday, enjoy playing BINGO at 1:30 p.m. at MD's Bar and Grill in downtown Roscoe! Jackpots up to $1000.00! Come and enjoy an afternoon playing Bingo with the Farming Lions!

Youth Bowling!

Richmond Lanes youth bowling begins! Youth bowling will be held at 9 a.m. every Saturday for K - 8th Grade.

Cost: One time League/-Trophy Fee-$10.00

Instruction available!

Each session: $7.00 for two games includes equipment

$9.00 for three games includes equipment

For more information, please call Jim at 320-597-2295 or 320-420-3625.

Richmond City Council: October 7, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: Reports on City Council meetings in these articles are simply that, reports. "APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES" are available to the public following voted approval by City Council and are obtainable from City Hall.

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any other additions or correction to the agenda. *Motion made by Bartz, seconded by Evens. Passed unanimously.*

Open Public Forum - Mayor Hemmesch asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to speak. Resident Mr. Tom Davis came forward to discuss his opposition to Excel Energy's latest plans for the power lines which will go from the solar field behind Torborgs and cross down and over to the substation being built on Hwy. 23 in Cold Spring.

Charlie Schoenberg came forward to voice his safety concerns on that line running down Oakwood as well, regarding those lines coming by Lakes Gas. Mr. Schoenberg stated that he had served 30 years on the Fire Department in Redwood Falls and had extensive training with propane tanks. He expressed concerns of a line possibly falling on one of those tanks which would be extremely dangerous for a power line of that size near that business.

Fred Holthaus stated that the safety chain on his mailbox still needs to be repaired. Secondly, Mr. Holthaus asked if city employees receive full health insurance. Mayor Hemmesch stated that city employees receive health insurance benefits and have since about 1995/1996 and have never taken it away. Lastly, he requested a copy of the 2025 financial audit for the city of Richmond. Mr. Holthaus asked why the workshop meetings weren't televised. Mayor Hemmesch stated everyone is invited to attend workshop meetings. It was established many years ago that Richmond would broadcast the first meeting of every month. Workshop meetings are essentially that: a workshop, when there may be discussion on things that are more for hashing out issues. Again, all are invited to attend.

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to **approve the meeting minutes** of September 2, 17 & September 29, 2026. *Motion made by Evens, seconded by Bartz. Passed unanimously.*

After a review of bills paid, Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any questions on September bills paid. Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to **approve bills paid**. *Motion made by Evens, seconded by Bartz. Approved unanimously.*

Consent Agenda *(approved by one motion)* Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. *Motion made by Merten, seconded by Bartz. Passed unanimously.*

a. **Resolution 153-26:** Approval of September 2026 Journal Entries

b. **Resolution 154-26:** Approval of September 2026 Contributions & Donations

c. **Resolution 155-26:** Approval of LG220 Application for exempt permit Sts. Peter & Paul School on November 21, 2026.

d. **Resolution 156-26:** Approval of 1-to-4-day application and permit for a temporary on-sale liquor license at Sts. Peter & Paul on November 21, 2026.

e. LG555 Acknowledgement for use of gambling funds from the Farming Lions Club for $500.00 to the Richmond Fire Department

Department Reports

Arena/Parks - Kevin Mooney

Director Kevin Mooney reported that the ice is in and boards are up. It was an easier year with ice due to the cooler weather. All up and running by September 25th and the first tournament of the season was on September 26th and 27th! All went well. Youth hockey officially began on September 28th and figure skating began October 3rd, with first open ice sessions on October 4th. One last valve has been replaced, making all now within three years old. Holding temps better and better control for ice. Director Mooney reported that it will be a very busy year with hockey this year, with a three day tournament beginning in November along with 16 high school hockey events! Looks to be a great season ahead. Mr. Mooney reported that the zamboni had a relay issue but has been resolved and tested well. The water heater in the concession stand area went down and has been replaced. Fall soccer will be complete in a couple of weeks, then nets and everything will be stored for winter. Also, park shelters and pickleball courts will be wrapped up for the winter soon as well. Mr. Mooney reported that a resident donated a homemade picnic table to be used in the parks and Mr. Mooney will have more information on that at the workshop meeting.

Mr. Mooney was asking for approval to hire two new concession workers for the season as a couple of the ones they had graduated and moved on to college. This is the resolution for those workers.

Resolution 157-26: Approval of 2026-2027 River Lakes Civic Arena seasonal employment.

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any questions regarding seasonal arena employment, there were none. Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to approve. *Motion made by Evens, seconded by Bartz. Approved unanimously.*

Councilman Evens inquired about e-bikes in parks. Councilman Bartz stated that he was referring to "e-motos" which are the scooter types. Mr. Mooney stated that it is a problem, but there are no ordinances currently pertaining to these "vehicles". Mr. Mooney stated that as he was working on one of the ball fields at the park readying for winter, a youngster came bursting through on his e-moto. He tried to stop him, but was too fast and youngster would not stop. He tried tracking him down in his truck, but nowhere to be found. Officer Goebel stated that the biggest problem is that a rider must be at least 15 yrs old to operate these e-motos and they find many much younger. Mr. Mooney will bring signs for council to approve at next meeting regarding this matter. City Council needs to consider ordinances for these vehicles.

Fire Department - Fire Chief Derek Mueller reported the activities of the department for the month of September. Chief Mueller stated that they were granted a FEMA grant for 25 new helmets for the department, totaling $11,190! They are still waiting to hear about a grant for new radios. Training for the month of September was for water and ice rescue, and once ice is on the lakes, they will train again on the lake. The department is running their annual calendar fundraiser and will be out in the community this coming weekend. Chief Mueller reported that they are looking to fill three open positions on the department.

Police Department - Officer Goebel reported the activities of the department for the month of September. Officer Goebel stated that the speed truck is still out, contact department non emergency number if you have an area of concern where you would like the truck. Officer Goebel discussed more with Council on the e-bike and e-moto issues.

Public Works - Written report. Administrator Kalthoff reported that Gordy Dingmann has submitted his retirement of 20 years with the city to be effective in November. An ice cream social for Mr. Dingmann will be held on October 19th in the Fire Department garage to celebrate.

People Service - Mr. Hemmesch reported the activities of the water plant stating that they are readying the plant for winter season. They are still waiting for results of copper tests. Wastewater is chemical free and run according to bio tests. Hydrant flushing will take place next week. They will be cleaning drains of leaves soon for the season.

Administrator - Administrator Kalthoff reported that Stearns County Municipal meeting will be held in Freeport on October 20th. A plaque will be presented to Mr. Dingmann for his years of service with the city of Richmond.

Council Reports

EDA - Next Meeting: October 20, 2026 Jen Rausch, Executive Director & Asst. Treasurer for EDA reported that the work on the mural on bowling alley is complete and a couple of businesses are interested in getting murals for their properties as well. Ms. Rausch reported that the EDA along will be holding a petting zoo on Treemendous Night this year.

Planning Commission - Next Meeting: October 22, 2026 - Application to split lot on residential property.

ROCORI Trail - Next Meeting: November 5, 2026

Other Matters-Councilman Evens asked for project list with expenses for the 2023 project for the upcoming workshop. Councilman Bartz asked if Mr. Dingmann could look over the latest tarring project to check for errors.

And as a Reminder!

It's deer season! I've seen many deer at the side of the road recently, so please, remember that deer movement peaks after sundown and before sunrise. During the rut or "fall mating season", deer are more active than usual as they become preoccupied with mating. Summer's fawns can also make their ways onto roadways after their mothers leave them to mate. Please take due caution!

- Drive at safe speeds and be prepared and alert for deer.
- Don't swerve to avoid a deer, this can cause you to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic. The best defense is to buckle up and brake.
- Don't count on deer whistles or deer fences to deter deer from crossing roads in front of you. Stay alert.
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.
- Slow down in areas known to have a large deer population; where deer-crossing signs are posted; places where deer commonly cross roads; areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land; and whenever in forested areas between dusk and dawn.
- Deer do unpredictable things. Sometimes they stop in the middle of the road when crossing. Sometimes they cross and quickly re-cross back from where they came; sometimes they move toward an approaching vehicle. Assume nothing. Slow down; blow your horn to urge the deer to leave the road. Stop if the deer stays on the road; don't try to go around it.

Any Minnesota resident may claim a road-killed animal by contacting a law enforcement officer. An authorization permit will be issued allowing the individual to lawfully possess the deer.

Out and About!

Annual Granite City Train Show!

The Granite City Train Show will be held at the Rivers Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud on November 14, 2026! Buy, sell, trade or just view hundreds of trains under one roof. Vendors will be selling and buying trains, accessories, books, videos, railroad collectibles & memorabilia, antique trains & toys, hobby items and more! Register to win door prizes, including a LIONEL Train Set! Operating model and toy train displays. Kids can help build a wooden train layout and run a model train. Test track on site. Food & refreshments are available. This event is wheelchair accessible.

Show Hours:
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Admission:
$6.00

For kids 10 and under FREE. For more information call 612-558-6484 or visit www.GraniteCityTrainShow.com.

Pioneer Park in Annandale hosts Halloween Spooktacular October 24th from 5-8 p.m.!

GHOULS, GHOSTS, GOBLINS, WITCHES AND WARLOCKS……. For kids of all ages we have the "Haunted Village" with all eleven buildings filled with

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
This is a great week for you, Aries. You are empathetic and tuned into your surroundings. You might feel warm and friendly to everyone.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this is a feel-good week for you. Enjoy spending some private moments during which you reflect on the things you want to accomplish.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, sympathy toward a cause or a friend may prompt you to become involved in a charitable organization. You also are interested in learning more from others.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Use the fact that others are noticing you to your advantage, Cancer. You can set good examples by being compassionate and generous to others.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your desire to expand your world is strong this week. You may renew an interest in travel and begin making progress on some big ideas.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You are happy to be working behind the scenes, Virgo. However, you might take on a prominent fundraising role or engage in other activities that benefit others.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
This is a popular time for you to converse with others and interact with members of the general public, Libra. You might develop a strong connection to someone new.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you might make a fabulous impression on someone this week. This might compel this person and others to get involved with a cause dear to your heart.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Do something different this week, Sagittarius. You are open for an adventure. Accept invitations to socialize, and use your free time to the fullest.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are sensitive to the needs of family members right now. You might be on a mission to help someone who needs assistance by researching programs or funding.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may have to be especially patient with a loved one who is still trying to process the news you gave them. Everyone deals with things in their own time.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you can do something to help others, especially within your professional arena, do not hesitate to do it. Your willingness to assist others will not go unnoticed.