



Richmond Senior Center News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Center Hours:

Staffed Daily

M-F 8:30AM - 12 Noon

> Note: The Center follows the Chariho School District for inclement weather closings.

Senior Activities Committee Members:

Dennis McGinity - Chairman

Tom Dufficy - Vice Chairman

Mary Morgan - Secretary

Richard Millar - Financial Liaison

Jackie Lombardo - Bingo Chair

Maureen Nolan - Activities Chair

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Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

Plan on joining us on March 4th for a Mardi Gras celebration. The menu will have a Cajun flair, and will be provided by Mulligan's Tap & Grille. The price will be \$6 per member and \$10 for non-members. Tickets will go on sale in February. Seating will be limited.

Watch for further details in the February Newsletter.

[A note of Appreciation from Jackie Lombardo...Bingo Chairwoman](#)

As the New Year starts I want to take this opportunity to thank the Bingo volunteers who show up week after week making the Bingo a huge success. There's no need to name names. I just wanted to say you do a great job and the Bingo would not be what it is without you.



From the Chairman - Dennis McGinity

Happy New Year to you all. This year just flew by. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The stress and strain of the holidays is gone. We can all get back to normal.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Annual Richmond Senior Center Christmas Party on Sunday December 8th. Pot luck dinners are always the best and we had quite a variety of foods. Music was provided by Xaviera Valencia and she did a fine job. We were also entertained by the Chariho High School Vocal Select group directed by Lynn Dowding. The very talented singers were Evelyn Siler, Amanda James, Jamie Trenholm, Erin McDonough, Morgan Alger, Abra Clawson, Sarah Jarry, Bethany Walsh, Nick Palombo, Ted Donovan, Mike Dotson, Seth Bueno and Isaiah Hopper. Santa (Bob Christianson) arrived and handed out Christmas gifts. A big THANK YOU to the ladies who organized this event. Maureen Nolan, Joyce Egan and Clair Spencer. Great job and thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a great Christmas Party. Until next time...

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Telephone Number:

491-9404

Next monthly members' meeting will be held at 11 AM on

January 9th, 2014

Come and get involved!

Please let the Senior Center office know of any changes to your address, phone number or email address—We want to keep all records up to date and to be able to keep you informed of the Center's events.

Social Activities 2013 Recap ~

This is the time of the year when we look back over the events which have been held.

The events started with coffee, breakfast treats, and door prizes for Valentine's Day. This was followed by coffee, Irish breads and Irish music for St. Patrick's Day. The May Breakfast was once again a delicious meal with pancakes, egg dishes, sausage, fruits and breads/ The raffle was a unique one, where winners chose a door to win a gift certificate. The certificates were donated by the merchants in town. Another successful Bake Sale was held at the Farmer's Market in September. In October a Fall Event was held. This included mulled cider, donuts and coffee. An interesting Black Crow guessing game was held along with the Basket Raffle, which included a lady's, a man's, a boy's, and a girl's basket. Finally activities ended for the year with the Christmas Party. It was a potluck with many delicious dishes. There was a raffle which included a basket and 3 homemade snowmen. Door prizes were presented in pretty wrapped boxes, which when opened contained a Christmas amaryllis. The Chariho choral group performed with seasonal songs. Santa paid a visit to round out the festivities.

Thank to Joyce Egan, Clare Spencer and Maureen Nolan for a fun filled activity year. Thank you to Dennis McGinity for all his help and support in planning these events.

More help was needed by the committee to put on many of these events. We would like to thank the following people for all their help: Barbara Jean Schaarschmidt, Joan St. Clair, Teresa Blais, Barbara Juliano, Helen Kenyon, Pat Labrie, Jackie Lombardo, Bob Christensen, Marilyn Ainsworth, Maria Randall, Nancy Cekala



All of these events would not have possible if it were not for the all important set of tables and chairs. So a grateful thank you goes to: Tom Dufficy, Paul Schaarschmidt, Tom Egan, Dick Millar, Pat DeBemardo, Henry Graham, Al Taylor, Bear Randall. We appreciate all the people who supported and attended these events.

Dear Residents,

I would like to wish all of you a very safe and happy New Year. I would also like to thank you for a great start to my time as town administrator. The first three months have been a wonderful experience and I look forward to working together to ensure we continue moving the Town of Richmond forward. Enjoy 2014 and please be safe.

Rob Rock

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Upcoming

TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS:

- ~New Year's Day -January 1
- ~Martin Luther King Day-Jan 20
- ~President's Day- Jan 17

A true friend knows your weaknesses
 • but shows you your strengths; feels your
 • fears but fortifies your faith; sees your
 • anxieties but frees your spirit; recog-
 • nizes your disabilities but emphasizes
 • your possibilities.

-William Arthur Ward

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang.. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Vernon, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on I-25.

"Please be careful! "

"Hell," said Vernon , "It's not just one can. It's hundreds of them!"

DRIVING

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to major crossroad. The stop light was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red tight." After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. 80, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? Could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh! Am I driving?"

Don't Fall for Charity Scams Following Disasters

The IRS warns consumers not to fall for bogus charity scams. They often occur in the wake of major disasters like the recent tornadoes in the Midwest or the typhoon in the Philippines. Thieves play on the goodwill of people who want to help disaster victims. They pose as a real charity in order to steal money or get private information to commit identity theft.

The scams use different tactics. Offering charity relief, criminals often:

- Claim to be with real charities to gain public trust.
- Use names similar to legitimate charities.
- Use email to steer people to bogus websites that often look like real charity sites.
- Contact people by phone or email to get them to 'donate' money or give their financial information.

The IRS offers the following tips to help taxpayers who wish to donate to victims:

- **Donate to qualified charities.** Use the Exempt Organizations Select Check tool at IRS.gov to find qualified charities. Only donations to qualified organizations are tax-deductible. You can also find legitimate charities at the Federal Emergency Management Agency website, fema.gov. For more information about the kinds of charities that can receive deductible contributions, see Publication 526, Charitable Contributions.
 - **Don't give out information.** Don't give your Social Security number, credit card and bank account numbers or passwords to anyone. Scam artists use this information to steal your identity and money.
 - **Don't give or send cash.** For security and tax record purposes, don't give or send cash. Contribute by check, credit card or another way that provides documentation of the donation.
 - **Report suspected fraud.** If you suspect tax or charity-related fraud, visit IRS.gov and click on 'Reporting Phishing' at the bottom of the home page.
- Get more information about tax scams and schemes at IRS.gov. Click on 'Tax Fraud & Abuse' at the bottom of the home page. You can also get Publication 526 at IRS.gov or call 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Cherry Sugar Cookie Macaroons

Pair tart red cherries and sugar cookie dough for homemade cookie goodness.

Ingredients:

1 roll Pillsbury® refrigerated sugar cookie dough

3/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts

3/4 cup coarsely chopped dried tart cherries

1 bag (7 oz) sweetened flaked coconut (about 2 1/2 cups)

2 teaspoons vanilla

1 cup Smucker's® Orchard's Finest® Michigan Red Tart Cherry Preserves



1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line large cookie sheets with parchment paper. Let cookie dough stand at room temperature for 10 minutes to soften.

2. In medium bowl, break up cookie dough. Add nuts, cherries, coconut and vanilla. Mix with wooden spoon or knead with hands until well blended. Shape rounded tablespoonfuls of dough into balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets.

3. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 3 minutes. With back of teaspoon, make indentation in center of each cookie. Spoon 1 teaspoon preserves in each indentation. Cool completely, about 20 minutes. Store in covered container. Makes 3 dozen



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Richmond Senior Center Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLOSED 	2 8:30 – 11:00 am Coffee 9:00 am Knitting 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 5:30 – 6:30 pm Cardio	3 8:30 – 11:00 am Coffee 9:00 am Sit & Get Fit 10:30 am Yoga	4 9:30 am Zumba
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