

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

WINTER 2014

Here are some items of interest we thought you should know:

- Watch for the Fire Department in the Galesburg Christmas Parade on Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.
- Wassailing in Richland will be Thursday, December 4, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join in the 40+ year tradition and visit your local merchants. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be at the Community Hall during those hours.
- The Fire Department is participating in a Holiday Food Drive on Saturday, December 13. They will be in Harding's parking lot from 9 to 5 to collect your donations. This drive will support the local Food Pantry.
- The Fire Department is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 30, from noon to 6 at the Township Hall. The holiday season is always a crucial time for blood supplies. Consider losing a pound during the holidays.
- The Firefighters' Association is selling the green reflective address number signs for \$15. An application form can be obtained at the Township Office.
- Township Clean-Up Day for 2015 will be Saturday, April 25, 2015. There will be large compactor trucks, a metal recycling container, and a shredding truck. Watch for more information in your February assessment notice or on the Township website, www.richlandtwp.net.

Other general notes:

- **Keep up with Township news by visiting the website at www.richlandtwp.net. If you would like to get announcements you can join our email list on that site.**
- **There is also a "bulletin board" for community events at www.richlandconnections.com. Several community organizations post notices of upcoming activities on that site.**
- **The Road Commission urges you to "Shake Your Mailbox" to be sure it will withstand another winter of snowfall and plowing. Repair it now before it gets damaged.**
- **Also try to keep your driveway entrance and near-by fire hydrants cleared in case of an emergency.**

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Township office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays.

Holiday Hours: The office will be closed December 24 and 25, and will close at noon on December 31. Closed January 1.

Please join Richland Animal Rescue for Richland's annual wassailing tradition. We will be stationed inside the First Presbyterian Church, Thursday, December 4, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Your hometown Animal Rescue will have adoptable pets, educational forums, face painting, photographs and a holiday remembrance tree in the Richland Square. We will be accepting donations to help homeless pets in our area find new, loving homes.

Come see "Babygirl", the stray dog who was on the streets of Richland for three years.

If you have delinquent property taxes owing to Kalamazoo County, please pay those taxes first, before paying current property taxes. Call 384-8124, the County Treasurer's Office, if you have questions.

If you need help avoiding foreclosure, please visit www.stepforwardmichigan.org.

2015 Assessment notices will be mailed in late February. Please check them for correct names, addresses and homestead exemption (P.R.E.). Information for the March Board of Review will be included in that notice. That Board of Review is your chance to appeal your property assessment.

If you have trees or large limbs that fall in the road or the road right-of-way in front of your property, please call the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, 381-3171. You must contact them within fifteen days for them to consider removal, or the property owner will be responsible for removing the debris. You may also contact the Road Commission through www.kcrc-roads.com.

Richland Township residents are encouraged to make use of the services of Household Hazardous Waste. They are located at 1301 Lamont Avenue (next to the Fairgrounds). You may contact them at 373-5211 or www.kalcouty.com/hhw. Please take advantage of this service and keep potentially hazardous materials out of the landfills.

The fire department is looking for folks who would like to be firefighters. These are 'paid-on-call' positions. Applications are available at the Township.

If you would be interested in a "Key Box" for your home, please contact the Township Office. This is a box that hangs over the top of your door and contains a key to your home and any information, i.e. medical information, that would be helpful to the Fire Department. The box is only accessible by the Richland Fire Department, but could prevent them having to break down your door in an emergency. The key box is available for a \$200 deposit, from which a \$50 a year fee will be deducted.

