

December 2015 Calendar of Events

- December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole
 December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm
 December 1st-House of Hope Open House and Annual Meeting 4:30-7pm
 December 1st-Ray County Library "Young Artists" @ 6pm
 December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th-Oak Pointe Blood Pressure checks 1-3pm
 December 2nd, 9th & 16th-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
 December 3rd-CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA starts at 5pm
 December 4th, 11th & 18th-Richmond Rotary meets at 19th Hole
 December 4th- RCCAA Gingerbread House Display-Friends Gallery 6-8pm
 December 4th & 5th-RCCAA presents "Scrooged" @ 7pm Farris Theatre
 December 5th- RCCAA Gingerbread House Display-Friends Gallery 10am-8pm
 December 5th & 12th-Job Fair @ Henkel 9am to noon
 December 6th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery noon to 5pm
 December 6th-RCCAA presents "Scrooged" @ 2pm @ Farris
 December 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
 December 7th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery 6-7pm
 December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th-Ray County Library GED tutoring 12pm-2pm
 December 7th-Farris Theatre presents KC Symphony Holiday Brass Ensemble @ 7pm
 December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th-Ray County Library Story Time @ 10am & 1pm
 December 8th-Ray County Library Preschool Math @ 3:30pm
 December 9th-Ribbon Cutting and Open House @ MVCAA 3-6pm
 December 10th-Ray County Library Health Insurance Education Initiative 5:30-7:30pm
 December 10th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery 5:30-6:30pm
 December 10th-Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon @ 19th Hole @ noon
 December 12th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery 10am-2pm
 December 12th-Orscheln Blade Sharpening 10am-2pm
 December 13th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery noon to 3pm
 December 15th-Ray County Library Gingerbread Man Science @ 6:30pm
 December 15th-RCCAA Gingerbread House Display @ Friends Gallery 5:30-6:30pm
 December 15th- Spaghetti Dinner @ RHS @ 5pm-\$10 each-kids 3 & under eat free
 December 16th-Christmas Extravaganza Wrap Up meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza
 December 17th-Ray County Library Family Craft Night 5:30-7:30pm
 December 17th- Chamber Board meeting @ 11:30am @ Hometown Pizza
 December 18th- Ray-Carroll County Veteran's Memorial Hwy dedication 11am @ Vets building
 December 18th-RCCAA Art Raffle Drawing @ 6pm
 December 19th-Mason B & G Breakfast 7-10am \$5
 December 22nd-Ray County Library Genealogy Assistance @ 6:30pm
 December 22nd-4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @ 7pm @ UCPC
 December 23rd-Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza
 December 24th & 31st-Chamber office closes @ noon
 December 25th & January 1st-Chamber office closed

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Safe New Year!!

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Fresh Meats & More Ribbon Cutting

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to help them celebrate their new location on November 12th, 2015. Pictured left Justin Meier, Bill Purcell, Justin Wrisinger, Chastidy Loftin, Tonya Willim, Chris Brown, Brad Hogan, Marilyn Wise, Whitne Balingier, Larry Albert, Jr., Jerry Smith, Jackie Hooks, Kim Davis, Charlie Calvert, Glen Martin, Jennifer Brenton, Morris Salter and Tony Hatcher.



Congratulations to the Annual Banquet Award Winners!

Above and Beyond Awards- Terry Dickey & Chris Simpson
 Beautification Award- Community Realty
 Achievement Award- Richmond Downtown District
 Member of the Year-Vickie McGinnis State Bank
 Star Award- Chastidy Loftin
 New Business of the Year-Fresh Meats and More
 Business of the Year- Hometown Pizza
 Lifetime Achievement Award- Bob Swafford
Thank you all for everything you do for our Community!

Chamber Hosts Before Hours

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Before Hours on Friday November 13th at the Chamber office. The Board of Directors prepared breakfast for all that attended. This annual event is the kick off to the Christmas Extravaganza Raffle Sales. This event has turned into the 2nd largest fundraiser for the Chamber in recent years. **Thank you to all who sponsored and decorated items for the event this year!**



Pictured left-Chamber Board members left to right-Glenda Powell, Jennifer Brenton, Kim Davis and Becky Treccariche enjoying breakfast the morning of the event.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's been a pleasure serving you this year. We sincerely appreciate your business, and we look forward to working with you again next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Please stop by our Holiday Open House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18



Blood Drive

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Richmond co-hosted a Community Blood Drive on November 30th. Donors received a FREE Chiefs t-shirt for their donation. There were 20 donors and 23 pints of blood collected that day. Just another way that your Chamber is trying to **"Be Relevant"**

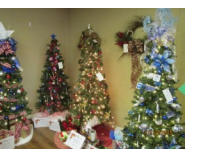


Pictured left- 2nd Vice Pres. Glen Martin Making His donation



Pictured left are members of our community purchasing the first raffle tickets of the Season.

Pictured right-some of the beautiful trees decorated for Christmas!



- Gold Investors**
 City of Richmond
 Bank Midwest, N.A.
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 The State Bank
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 Hometown Pizza
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 NorthStar Wellness
 Richmond Chiropractic
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 Shirkey Golf Course
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 Phillips Computer Repair

**Economic Development Update
 From
 City Administrator Ron Brohammer**

Some would say, Richmond's economy is dead—nothing is happening. Nothing could be further from the truth. The largest project the city has seen was completion of the \$11,000,000 wastewater treatment plant in April. Services such as wastewater treatment are a critical part of a city's task. The completion of this plant has allowed many positive things to happen in the south part of Richmond, including construction of the new dialysis center, new Swafford Ford, a new Red Cross Pharmacy, a new C&C Pharmacy, and the expansion of Ray County Memorial Hospital and Shirkey Nursing Home. Without an expanded wastewater treatment of facility, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources had mandated, no additional services would be allowed to be connected to the south wastewater plant. In addition to these, however, growth is occurring in almost every part of Richmond.

On the North end, Oak Pointe, a senior assisted living facility is open and accepting residents. Meats and More and The Scoop (ice cream) have both expanded their facilities on the west end of Richmond. Development of the property north of McDonalds is well underway, and the old Wal-Mart Center and has been cleaned-up and upgraded. Both of these properties offer great opportunities for any number of new businesses. Several existing businesses including Community Reality, Jones Store, Ideal Industries, White's Automotive, Salvation Army and Hometown Pizza have all completed improvements and upgrades. A new city park, Hamann Park, at Crispin and Spartan Drive, is being designed, and the City has procured a 70% grant from MoDOT to build a sidewalk (walking trail) from Main to Crispin.

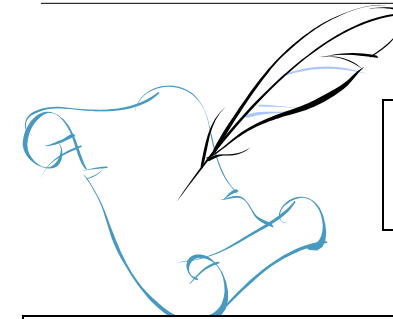
Other plans/expansions on the drawing board include, a new photo studio on the square, a 48 unit multiplex housing community, Harvest Hills Villas, for individuals 55+ At Spartan and Thornton, and a new AT&T cell tower to improve cellular service in the area next spring.

There are more projects, business expansion and development still to come. The City regularly receives inquiries about new businesses. We have four economic development groups working on activities ranging from business expansion and development to marketing and branding, to assisting property owners and entrepreneurs, and creation of development tools and incentives. Richmond's future is expansive and bright. The next time you hear someone say Richmond's economy is dead, you can say, yeah-right! NOT!

City of Richmond & Richmond Area Chamber Office Holiday Hours

- December 24th-Close at noon for Christmas Eve
- December 2th-Christmas Day-Closed
- December 31st-New Years Eve-Close at noon
- January 1st-New Years Day-Closed
- January 18th MLK Day-Closed

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From the President's Pen



Dear Chamber Members,

All of us on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce are hopeful that your holiday plans are well under way! Hopefully, you have participated in some of the celebration events right here in your community of Richmond and surrounding area!

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Downtown District and City of Richmond all wish to thank you for another successful Christmas Extravaganza and lighted Christmas parade. What an event! Even old Santa Clause didn't want to miss this one. We have it on good authority that he plans to be back 12/24-12/25. We sincerely hope that this event was special for the children in our community. I know the staff and Chamber Board enjoyed the decorations within the Chamber Office.

Congratulations to Fresh Meats & More and Missouri Valley Community Action for their recent expansions. We have celebrated with ribbon cuttings and open houses since my last writing for the newsletter. A healthy community not only attracts new businesses to locate here but, just as important, supports expansion of existing businesses. Congratulations to all who have completed or are in the process of expanding your existing business with new products, services and other offerings!

As we celebrate with our own families and friends over the holidays let's be sure to give proper thanks for the many blessings which we enjoy. With anticipation and excitement we look forward to 2016 and serving you, our membership in any way we can. Thank you so much for your participation in our organization and we sincerely wish you the best toward achieving all you set out to do in 2016.

Best Wishes,

**Brad Hogan
 President 2015-2016
 Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Richmond Rotary Club has Reverse Raffle Tickets for Sale! The event will be Feb.20th at the Ray County Memorial Veterans building. Win up to \$ 7,500.00 along with many other prizes. Great auction Items for the taking. Tons of Royals autographs. A great meal for two, all for the low price of \$125.00. All proceeds go for many local causes. Call Scott Farmer or any Rotary member for tickets. His number is 470-2661. Tickets sell fast. You do not need to be present to win the Grand Prize.

February 13, 2016 will be the Richmond Kiwanis Annual Chili and Soup Luncheon. It will be held at the United Christian/Presbyterian Church. Details to follow.

January 24th through January 30th is National School Choice Week. Visit <https://schoolchoiceweek.com/> To find out more. Congratulations to our School District for striving to provide a safe and sound education for our children! We certainly appreciate having Brock Dover, Assistant Superintendent, on the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors!