



## MAYOR'S UPDATES...



Mayor Fred Horne

'Tis the season to give thanks and look back at the year that was. Many thanks go out to our Board and Commission members for spending countless hours reviewing documents, editing plans and taking part in our local government. A total of 90 Board and Commission meetings took place in 2014. In addition to these formal meetings, there were numerous other events throughout the year. As we prepare for the years to come, and the potential for increased growth in our future, the dedication of our Board and Commission members will not go unnoticed.

I would also like to thank the City Council for their commitment to the City of New Richmond. This year, the Council attended over 32 Council meetings in addition to the various meetings of their respective boards and commissions. Whether reviewing zoning ordinances, setting up events like "National Night Out" or touring City and Utility departments, your on-going service to the City is appreciated.

To our staff, this year was marked by a lot of snow, water freeze-ups, zoning updates, park plans and various community forums. We thank you for your commitment to our community. As the following photos will illustrate, our "Year of the Plan" was inspired by a commitment to our community: the City Beautiful. On behalf of our Boards and Commissioners, Council members and staff, our biggest thanks goes out to our community members for making New Richmond a wonderful place to live and work. I wish you all season greetings and only the best in 2015!

-Mayor Fred

## 2014 "The Year of the Plan" The Year in Pictures...



Congratulations to Minnesota based Barley John's Brewery for breaking ground in 2014. Thanks for crossing the river and being a part of our community!



This year, our elected officials toured all City departments to better understand short and long-term needs.



A lot of time was spent in 2014 on our new Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. This new ordinance will be rolled out on January 1, 2015. Thanks to our subcommittee for all of their hard work!



The City was awarded a Solar Garden Pilot program through WPPI energy. This project will be completed in 2015. Congrats to Westfields Hospital and New Richmond Utilities for partnering on the hospital's solar panel project in 2014.



Alderspersion Jim Jackson joined the Council this year.



The Doughboy Trail was officially opened in 2014!



After four decades of service to our community, Chuck Mehls retired. Chuck was recognized by the Governor for his years of dedicated service.



Phase I of the Community Commons project was wrapped up in 2014. This is a partnership project between the City of New Richmond, New Richmond School District, Friday Memorial Library, GEN Group and Commons Partners. Look for more work in 2015!



This year, our City staff “filled the truck” as part of the New Richmond Chamber of Commerce food drive. Happy to report we took 1st Place!



Congratulations to John Soderberg for being recognized as the “2014 Board and Commissioner of the Year”



Our new (used) ladder truck arrived earlier this month.