



# City of New Richmond

## Community E-Newsletter

### Mayor's Message



Summer is always a great time here in New Richmond. From gatherings with family and friends, to music at the Heritage Center, the annual Fun Fest celebration, our community embraces the warm weather and outdoor activities.

This summer will be a busy one for our community. Over the next several months, you'll notice a lot of public infrastructure projects throughout the city, including Paperjack Drive and North Shore Drive. We are very pleased that these projects will include sidewalks and trails for improved safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Beyond our infrastructure projects, we are pleased to be working on a partnership with the School District of New Richmond for a Farm to Table program, which will be located near the New Richmond Regional Airport and give young people the opportunity to gain hands-on learning experiences on a sustainable farm.

I invite you to get involved in the many activities taking place in New Richmond throughout the summer! Our community is a Great place to live, work, and play.

-Mayor Fred

### Volume 4, Issue 1

June 2016

### Community Commons Update

On June 13<sup>th</sup> the City Council approved a joint agreement with the School District of New Richmond for the future development of the Community Commons site. This process reflects a lot of hard work, public process, and partnership. Here are some of the highlights and timelines related to the project:



In May, the City submitted a grant in the amount of \$500,000 for a Community Development Block Grant. If awarded, these funds will be utilized by the School District towards the demolition cost of the building.

Throughout the summer and fall, the City will be working on a master plan for this site area. The purpose of the master plan will be to engage the community and key stakeholders on the future development of this site and to outline specific uses for this area. We anticipate the master planning process to be concluded by the end of this year.

### Downtown Farmers Market

A new downtown farmers market will be held on Thursdays from 4-6 pm at MaRita Park (located to the north of Family Fresh, and to the west of Royal Credit Union). This idea was first identified in 2013 in the Downtown Plan, and we're excited to see it implemented this summer! There is no fee required for vendors, however all vendors must pre-register with the City of New Richmond by completing the application form found on our website. We look forward to offering a new market for fresh produce, baked goods, maple syrup, honey, and some fun items like flavored popcorn and fruit smoothies.





# City of New Richmond

## Community E-Newsletter

### Skateboard & BMX Park Update

Thanks to the generous support of more than fifty local businesses, individuals, and foundations, we will begin construction at the end of June on the skateboard and BMX park. The skate park will be located at Hatfield Park. Misiano Skateparks from New Smyrna Beach, Florida will be serving as the contractor. Misiano Skateparks has designed and built more than 50 concrete skate parks in ten states. Construction should take 6-8 weeks, depending on the weather. Once completed, we believe this will be the best skate park in the area and will provide features for youth of all ages and abilities. We look forward to this great addition to our park system!



### New Fire Department Vehicle

The New Richmond Fire and Rescue Department will soon be adding a 2006 Precision Spartan Rescue Pumper truck to its vehicle fleet. The rescue pumper truck is being purchased from Johnson County, Kansas and will replace two current vehicles, which will be traded in as part of the transaction. The need for this vehicle was identified in the department's 5-year strategic plan, which was approved by the New Richmond Fire & Rescue Advisory Board in August of 2015. The new truck should be ready to respond to emergency calls later this summer.



### Strategic Plan



We need your input! The City's strategic plan is a five-year planning process

that is intended to be a roadmap for the City Council and City Administration as they work on financing, community growth, recreational needs, and public safety. We have created a community survey, and hope that you will take a few minutes to share your ideas and comments. The survey is available on the City's website and Facebook page, and paper copies will be made available at key community locations.

### Medallion Hunt

The City partnered with First National Community Bank to sponsor a medallion hunt to encourage families to spend time outdoors. Clues were posted each day on the City's social media pages. The prize was \$200 cash and one share of the community solar garden. Congrats to Jen Mottl and her children for winning!

