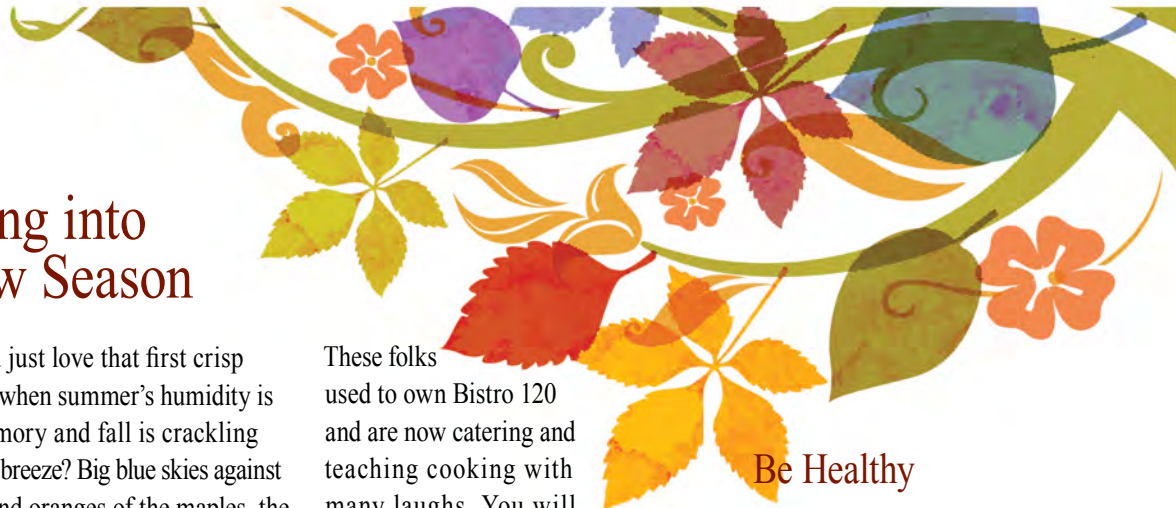


Off The RACC

Richland Area
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Falling into a new Season

Don't you just love that first crisp morning, when summer's humidity is just a memory and fall is crackling across the breeze? Big blue skies against the reds and oranges of the maples, the sweatshirt pulled out for a Saturday morning stroll, coffee in hand...ah fall!

Color Tour and Cooking!

We're celebrating fall with our 3rd foray into Arts and Eats. This back-roads color tour focuses on art, food and farms across Barry, Allegan and Kalamazoo counties! We'll be hosting several artists and their friends - all sharing a wide variety of art for sale the 3rd weekend of October.

We're pleased that the Kitchen House is back with another round of delicious and ever so popular cooking classes, and we've added two new classes with Pigs and Pies from Paw Paw.

These folks used to own Bistro 120 and are now catering and teaching cooking with many laughs. You will come away from all these cooking classes delightfully full of new ideas and recipes to try. Come hungry!

Back to Class

We're offering our regular classes such as Yoga, Swingin' with Susan, Tai Chi and Line Dancing among others but we continue to seek your input for new classes. We've added Genealogy, Self-defense, and a Yoga and Poetry class. We have new Lunch and Learn events focusing on Life Celebrations, Longer life through Movement and more. Our Smart Phone/Tablet Tutoring is back - we've increased it to two Fridays a month, so you can practice what you've learned!

Be Healthy

To keep you healthy, we've partnered with Borgess to bring you the Flu Clinic on two separate Fridays. We'd love to see you at one of our exercise programs or out walking our trails.

Help us Continue the Good Work

Next year we'll be celebrating our 15th year. Did you know we receive no federal or state tax dollars? We are supported by your generosity, by sponsors, and by program and rental fees. Our Annual Appeal will kick off in October; we hope you'll consider giving to the RACC and supporting your community. In the meantime, enjoy the fresh face of fall and all it has to offer!

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ARTS AND EATS At the RACC

October 15 and 16 • 10am–5pm both days

This is the 6th year for Arts and Eats and our 3rd year on the tour. More than 50 studios, galleries, restaurants and farms will be open to the public for some great back-road color tour fun! The sites spread across Barry, Allegan and Kalamazoo counties where you'll find "local art, food and agriculture in those little out of the way places that beg to be discovered!" Time for a road trip, starting at the RACC!

We will be featuring several well-known and talented local artists: **Patrice Mindock** with Copper Amazon Jewelry, **Marge Veenkant** with her whimsical and quirky characters along with some striking fused glass; potters **Louise Sloger**, **Carla Anderson**, and **Lupe Smith** have made some wonderful pieces and **Tom Dockham** and **Peggy Ayers** from PicWood USA will be here with their woodworks.

Look for gorgeous copper and gemstone jewelry, lovely paintings, handmade clocks,

beautiful pottery, berry bowls, oil and vinegar sets, unique vases, Michigan-shaped chairs, cards, whimsical and colorful paper mache sculptures, glass art and much more! Don't forget to pick up your Passport when you visit the sites. This allows you to register for some very cool prizes.

You can pick up your map for the self-guided tour at any Arts and Eats location, or go online to learn more at artsand eats.org or go to our website, richlandareacc.org for the links.

Don't forget to visit The Little Yellow Frame Shop, Shiloh Farms, Michael Kifer Clay Studio, Alixandra Pottery, Valli Thayer McDougale, W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Pronking Acres Alpaca Farm, Brock Howland and HopHead Farms! They're all from the Greater Gull Lake area and on the tour too!

Hungry? Head to the Kitchen House, The Dandelion Cafe or Canal St. Cafe for some incredible fare!



EXPLORE WITH RACC PACK ADVENTURE TRAVEL!

We have a wonderful variety of exciting trips for you. For details, go to richlandareacc.org.



THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, \$60 PER PERSON
ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER!

ARTPRIZE EIGHT BUS TRIP! Back by popular demand! Your trip will start at the RACC with delicious coffee and rolls, then we'll head to Grand Rapids, where you won't have to battle parking! Enjoy a private tour of Art Prize artwork at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, then you're on your own for the rest of day to walk and explore all Art Prize has to offer. We'll have a list of suggested restaurants and their menus/prices on our website, so you can dine wherever you want in the downtown area. Maybe Slows BBQ at the Downtown Market, The B.O.B? Sechia Cooking School? Founders Brewery? Bistro Bella Vita? San Chez? Your choice! We'll enjoy wine and cheese on the way home.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

October 13, 4:30-8:30 pm, \$20

"Grab Your Broom-Witchin' Night Out" Join in the female festivities that women have gathered to celebrate since the beginning of time—Girls Night Out! Let us do the driving and parking, so that you can enjoy a carefree evening of snacking, sipping and shopping with friends in the beautiful and quaint downtown Marshall, MI.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND PARADE

November 16-19, \$699 pp, dbl occ

Join in the fun and get into the holiday spirit at this Jimmy Stewart-themed festival and parade! You'll ride on a float and wave to the crowd in Indiana, PA, the "Christmas Tree Capital of the World" and Jimmy Stewart's home town. You'll also tour LeVity Brewing Co., enjoy a wine tasting at Windgate Vineyards, tour the Jimmy Stewart Museum and more.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ON THE RIVER

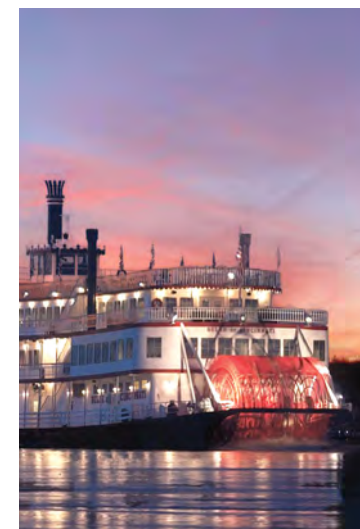
December 30, 2016-January 1, 2017, \$499 pp, dbl occ

Ring in the new year on the majestic River Queen on the Ohio River in Covington, KY! We will enjoy a New Year's Eve celebration on this enclosed, heated boat that is reserved just for our group. Trip includes casino time as well as other tours.

A FLORIDA GULF COAST VACATION

February 23-March 12, \$2,399 pp, dbl occ

Find your reprieve for the Michigan winter enjoying the natural beauty of Florida! You'll find beautiful, year-round sunshine, sparkling blue water, sandy beaches and more. Trip includes casino time, and reserved seating to see the Detroit Tigers.



Enrichment

THE KITCHEN HOUSE COOKING SERIES

Food and fun! Owner Jennifer Dykstra and Chef M. Otis from the popular new Kitchen House restaurant will teach you how to prepare delicious dishes using fresh ingredients. We had a blast the last two classes and eagerly anticipate what we will learn this time! Each of these classes will also feature three different wines that pair perfectly with the evening's dishes! This class is part cooking demonstration and part hands-on adventure. Come hungry! *Max 20*



Homemade Pastas!

Oct 17, 6-8 pm, \$50

We will spend the evening making two or three pasta dishes from scratch! That's right, home-made pasta! Your taste buds will sing!

Holiday-Inspired Dishes!

Nov 7, 6-8 pm, \$50

Learn how to create delicious and beautiful dishes to help celebrate your holidays in culinary style!

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Saturday, Nov 5, 10:00 am-12:30 pm, \$35

This class was so popular, we were requested to hold it again! Ed Kehoe will provide you with tools to increase your awareness and confidence in threatening situations. You'll learn how to defend yourself in a variety of encounters and gain confidence in your ability to keep yourself safe. Great for women, college students, or anyone wanting to learn basic self-defense techniques. *Min 5/Max 12*



PIGS & PIES COOKING CLASSES



Are you looking for a fun, casual and delicious cooking class? If so, this class is it! Lynne McGuire and Wendell Meade, professional chefs and former owners of the popular Bistro 120 Restaurant and O'Farrell's Pub in Paw Paw, will show you how to create delicious food. Nobody leaves the table hungry, that's for sure! Bring a friend! *Min 20*

Pies, Pastries and Soups!

Oct 24, 6-8 pm, \$40

Discover how to make those flaky crust pies, delectable pastries and savory soups that will keep your guests and family asking for more.

Perfect Party Plate!

Nov 14, 6-8 pm, \$40

Learn how to create sumptuous party meals that will draw everyone to the table with a focus on the finish, dessert! Eyes and taste buds will say, "Thank you!"



WHAT DO SPONSORS WANT FROM NONPROFITS?

SEPT 29, 9-10:30 am, FREE

Must Register at kpl.gov/ONEplace/calendar.

Cash in on corporate support! Sponsorships are where the real money is in fundraising events. Securing high-dollar sponsors ahead of your event

will add directly to your bottom line—and you'll make more money than ever. We will share the know-how you need to get companies excited about sponsoring your fundraising event.

Classes

LUNCH & LEARN: WE MOVE-WE LIVE!

Oct 12, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

FREE, Must Register at 629.9430

Ellen Bennett with Balanced Body Health, LLC is back with a fascinating look at our bodies. Does the body ever really stop moving? She'll provide an overview of the intricacies of how our body is never really quite still. Lunch provided. *20 max*



HOW TO USE YOUR SMART PHONE/TABLET WORKSHOP

Fridays, Sept. 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16, 9-11 am

FREE, Must Register at 629.9430

As promised, these classes are back. Sign up for a 30-minute slot during this workshop, and we will pair you with a Gateway student who will personalize instruction to your particular needs and device!

FAMILY MATTERS: INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

Thursday, Oct 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, \$10

Join genealogy professional Gordon Mitchell as he walks you through how to get started researching your history. Learn about your ancestors. Find new ways to discover a little known family member. Mitchell will take you through the steps to research your family genealogy. From how to get started, to the databases on ancestors that are available to everyone. *Min 5/Max 15*



HANDMADE CERAMIC ORNAMENTS WITH MICHAEL KIFER

Oct 22, 10 am-12:30 pm & Nov 5, 10-11:30 am, \$35

Make 10 gorgeous one-of-a-kind ornaments to decorate your home or make a set and give as a gift for the holidays! Cut out and design your ornament during the first class then add gorgeous color the second class. You won't believe how easy it is to make beautiful ornaments! Cutters provided, feel free to bring your own! If you have things that make an interesting pattern, bring them too! Addl. cost for more than 10 ornaments. *Min 10 Max 15*

YOGA AND POETRY WITH CATHY TUCCI

Six weeks, Wed. Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 9-11 am, \$90

Come enjoy a morning of writing before, during and after your yoga practice! Doing yoga moves us inside and brings out a curiosity to discover new layers which can then be shared outwardly through writing! The yoga portion will meet all levels between gentle and intermediate with modifications to allow everyone to feel safe. *Min 10/Max 12*



All classes require pre-payment. Please pay with check or cash; online at www.richlandareacc.org; or by phone by calling 629-9430. Class size is limited and they fill quickly, so please register early. We will notify you only if the class is full or has insufficient enrollment. Use this enrollment form if you're sending a check.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLASS: _____ DATE/TIME: _____

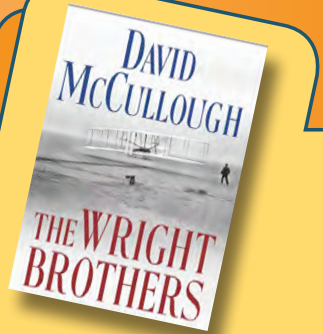
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269.629.9430**

Or pay online at www.richlandareacc.org

We encourage students to sign up early. Classes may be canceled due to low enrollment. In the event we cancel a class, full refunds will be issued.

See our website for additional information on our cancellation policy.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged!

- The Wright Brothers**
by David McCullough 10/20
- We Band of Angels**
by Jean Kwok 11/17
- After You**
by Jojo Moyes 12/15



Gull Lake Area Rotary Club

- Dave Rachowicz**, Kalamazoo
County Parks Director 9/22
 - Lynnette Walker**, Gateway Academy
Gull Lake Schools 9/29
 - Spaghetti Dinner** 10/03
 - Joanna Johnson**, Kalamazoo
County Road Commission 10/06
 - Penny Briscoe**, Purple Martins 11/03
- The Gull Lake Area Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am. Guests are welcome.



The Richland/Gull Lake Area Lions Club meets at the RACC on the first and third Thursdays of every month. All are welcome.

MEET UP and EAT UP

MEET UP AND EAT UP SUCCESS

The free summer meal program was so successful that the school expanded it to 3 sites this summer. Meals were served at Kellogg Elementary, RACC and Savannah Trace apartments. Over the summer, more than 7,200 meals were served. Kim, Frank and Lori hold a special place in our hearts for all their hard work making sure the kids received their meals each day. Thank you all!



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

If you happened to stop in for Meet Up and Eat up this summer you would have seen Nancy McCarty volunteering behind the counter, smiling, helping with setup, tear down, greeting the kids and distributing lunches. We wish her well this fall and hope we'll see her before next summer!



Joyce Nooney volunteers on Mondays doing a variety work that includes gardening in some of the hottest weather, changing our sign, serving as receptionist and all around friendly person! If you stop in on a Monday, say hi to one of the nicest people we've met! We can't thank these two wonderful women enough for all they do to make the Community Center run so smoothly but we'll try. Thanks ladies!



WELCOME BACK!

The GL Partnership is underway. If you stop here on a Mon., Tues., or Thurs. afternoon you'll see many families and students attending classes on Great Books, Computer Animation, STEM, Elections, Shakespeare and much more! They'll be holding a Maker Fair here in Nov. for the community. We are simply abuzz with activities!



HIT THE TRAILS!

If you're out walking in the woods, you might see the GLHS XC team. They've been practicing on asphalt and needed to run on terrain a little closer to home. We welcome all the runners. Stop in for some water or to use our facilities!



OLDER BUNCH FOR LUNCH!

It was our pleasure to serve lunch to our young at heart bunch in early Sept. The program focused on facts about the flag and the Osher Life Long Learning Institute. Thank you to our hard working volunteers from Rotary, Living Hope Community Church and our RACC regulars including Stephen Lewis, Bruce Heleniak, Gretchen and Bill Thomas, Bonnie Grooters, Larya DeBow, Ethlyn Edgerly, Gary Courteny Sr., Shannon Peckhem and Bob Tower.

RACC Announcements!

NEW! Girls Night Out!

October 13 - 4:30- 8:30 pm
Ladies, grab your purses and get ready for a fun night of refreshments, specials and prizes! Join us for Girls Night Out: **"Grab Your Broom-Witchin' Night Out"** in Marshall, MI. We'll do the driving, so you can kick up your heels and take advantage of the refreshments and specials! For details, please see the center spread or log onto our website. Only \$20!

NEW! Yoga & Poetry: Writing from the Soul

October 12 - November 19 - Wednesdays, 9-11 am
Join Cathy Tucci for this six-week class that combines the artistry and expression of writing along with the physical exertion of yoga. Every class is a new opportunity for self-discovery. See center spread for costs and registration.

Recycle Your Electronics — FREE!

September 24 - 9 am-1 pm
Advanced drop-off dates, September 13-23.
Together with Emerald eCycling, LLC, we will accept electronics at the RACC. Check our website at www.richlandareacc.org, for accepted items (\$15 charge for CRT monitors). No television, smoke detectors, hazardous waste, dehumidifiers, alkaline batteries or large household appliances, please. Questions? Call Emerald at 269.978.1914. All proceeds benefit the RACC!

Music Together Program Begins

Crescendo Academy of Music is now registering for their fall session of their popular "Music Together" program. The fall session begins in mid Sept. and is a 10-week class. Parents and their children ages 0-5 are welcome. Tuesdays 5:30 pm.

Lunch & Learn: We Move-We Live!

October 12 - 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Must RSVP to 629.9430. FREE
Does the body ever really stop moving? An overview of the intricacies of how our body is never really quite still. Join Ellen Bennett of Balanced Body Health, LLC. for an interesting and interactive hour.

Lunch & Learn: Vein Restoration

September 22 - 11:45 am
Must RSVP to 629-9430. FREE
An interactive discussion on vein disease and the causes of varicose and spider veins. Representatives from the Center for Vein Restoration will discuss the typical signs, symptoms and treatment of the disease. Free lower-leg vein ultrasound demonstrations following the discussion.

Lunch & Learn: Celebration of Life Planning with Langeland Family Funeral Homes

October 20 - 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Must RSVP to 629.9430. FREE
Learn how to plan and celebrate a life well-lived and the explore the many options available to you to leave a legacy for your loved ones. We will also discuss the benefits of making your final wishes known and the best way to record them in a safe and secure manner. Learn how to tailor your final wishes.

Square Dance is Back!

Sept. 17, Oct. 19, and Nov. 17 - 7-10 pm
Grab a partner and join us for a fun evening of square dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The cost is only \$10 per couple for three hours of fun! Singles welcome too!

Borgess Flu Clinics

September 23, and October 7 - 9 am-1 pm
Borgess will be at the RACC for Flu and Pneumonia Clinics. The "Quadrivalent" flu vaccine and nasal mist, the Fluzone® high-dose vaccine (for persons age 65 and older) and the standard flu and pneumonia vaccines will be provided. All Medicare Part B Plans and most commercial insurance payers will be accepted, as well as cash, check and Discover/Visa/MasterCard. For more information, go to <http://flushot.borgess.com>.

Thank you to our Ballroom Dance Sponsors! Mac's Garage, Monroe Hair Design, Trilogly, and Dr. Linda Hubbard, DDS.

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Community All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

to be served at
The Gull Lake High School
7753 North 34th Street, Richland

Monday
Oct. 3, 2016
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Carry-Out starts
at 3:30 PM

Minimum Donation
Adult: \$10
Children (5-12 yrs) \$5
Kids under 5
eat FREE!

Tickets are available from any member of Gull Lake Rotary Club or at the following locations: Bigby Coffee (on Gull Road), Richland Area Community Center (in Richland), Berkshire Hathaway Home Service (in Richland), or Kollig's Dorner Market (in Hickory Corners).

www.gulllakearearotary.org

REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS AND GATHERINGS

AYSO	MONTHLY	
COFFEE HOUR	TUES & THURS	9:30-10:30 AM
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	3RD THURSDAY	9:30 AM
GULL LAKE AREA ROTARY CLUB	THURSDAY	7:30-8:30 AM
GULL LAKE QUALITY ORGANIZATION	BY APPT.	7-9 PM
KNITTING FOR CHARITY	4TH SUNDAY	2-5 PM
LIONS CLUB	1ST & 3RD THURS	5:30-7:30 PM
SENIOR DINING COUPONS	TUES & WEDS	9 AM-5 PM

CARD GROUPS

BRIDGE	MONDAY	12:30-3:30 PM
EUCHRE	WEDNESDAY	12:30-3:30 PM
HAND & FOOT	WEDNESDAY	1:00-3:30 PM

DANCE, SPORTS, FITNESS, MUSIC, AND ART

CRESCENDO "MUSIC TOGETHER"	TUESDAY, 6 WEEKS	5:30-6:15 PM
FOOT CLINIC	4TH TUESDAY, BI-MONTHLY	BY APPT.
LUNCH TIME LINE DANCING	FRIDAY	NOON-1 PM
PING PONG	WEDNESDAY	3-5 PM
SENIOR BALLROOM	4TH SUNDAY	2-5 PM
SQUARE DANCE	3RD SATURDAY	7-10 PM
SWINGIN' WITH SUSAN	TUES & THURS	10:30-11:30 AM
TAI CHI, BEGINNING	MONDAY	6--7 PM
TAI CHI, INTERMEDIATE	WEDNESDAY	4:30-5:30 PM
YOGA WITH SHERRY	MONDAY	10:30-11:30 AM
YOGA, GENTLE WITH CATHY	TUES & THURS	10:15-11:15 AM
YOGA, INTERMEDIATE WITH CATHY	TUES & THURS	9-10 AM
YOGA, HVINYASA WITH KATHLEEN	TUESDAY	6-7 PM
YOGA & POETRY WITH CATHY	WEDNESDAY OCT 12-NOV 19	9-11 AM
WEIGHT WATCHERS	THURSDAY	4:30-6:30 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

LUNCH & LEARN: CENTER FOR VEIN RESTORATION SEPT 22, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
FLU/PNEUMONIA SHOT CLINIC SEPT 23, AM-1 PM
SMART DEVICE WORKSHOP SEPT 23, OCT 7 & 21, NOV 4 & 18, DEC 2 & 16, 9-11 AM
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SEPT 24, 9 AM-1 PM
ONEPLACE SEMINAR, "WHAT DO SPONSORS WANT FROM NONPROFITS?" SEPT 29, 9-10:30 AM
ARTPRIZE EIGHT BUS TRIP OCT. 6, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
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MICHAEL KIFER: CERAMIC ORNAMENTS OCT 22 & NOV 5, 10 AM-12:30 PM
PIGS & PIES COOKING CLASS OCT 24 & NOV 14, 6-8 PM
SELF-DEFENSE CLASS WITH ED KEHOE NOV 5, 10 AM-12:30 PM
GULL LAKE PARTNERSHIP MARKET FAIR NOV. 15, 11-5 PM
CAROLING & COOKIE EXCHANGE DEC 19, 11:30-1 PM
WASSAILING DEC 1, 5-8 PM



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Richland Area Community Center Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Tues. of every month at 5:30 pm.

Community participation is welcomed at RACC board meetings. A written request to speak is required at least 24 hours before the board meeting. Individuals are allowed 5 minutes to make their presentation.



Many of you know our newsletter is normally designed by Paul Gobble. Paul was injured along with 3 others in the tragic bicycle accident that took five very special people's lives. Paul is well on the road to recovery but was told he couldn't work for a few more months. Chris Russell, another wonderful graphic designer, offered to step in and help us with this edition. Paul, please know the entire community is wishing you and all the others a full and speedy recovery and will do whatever it takes to make that a reality.