Public Safety News from the:
New Richland Police Department

Bike Safety
- Always wear a helmet
- Always stop and look both ways for traffic
- Wear bright clothes
- Make sure your tires are properly filled with air
- Use a backpack if you have to carry items
- Always ride with a friend

Recreational Fires
The only type of fire allowed during the spring and summer months in the City of New Richland is a recreational fire.

All fires must comply with the following regulations:
- Must be 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Fire pits should also be constructed of non-combustible material. A fire ring or pit that is at least 8 inches deep is required.
- No burning is allowed on streets, sidewalks, or other public right of ways.
- Fires cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter.
- A fire extinguishing method needs to be present during the time of the fire. (i.e. garden hose, pail of water or sand)
- Someone must be in attendance of the fire at all times until extinguished.
- Only unpainted and untreated wood, coal or charcoal may be burned. Absolutely NO garbage burning is allowed.

Contacting the Police Department
If you have an emergency and need to contact the Police Department, please call 911. If you need to contact the New Richland Police Department and it is not an emergency, please call 507-465-3240 or 507-835-0500. If you are unsure if you should call or not, please call. We would much rather speak to you about something that turns out to be nothing than learning about something that you thought was nothing that turns out to be something we wished you would have called about.

Building and Zoning Permits
Thinking about a spring or summer project? Some of the typical household construction projects that require building permits from the City are listed below:

- Decks
- Re-Roofing
- FENCES
- Finishing Basements
- Window Replacements
- Alterations
- Gazebos
- Retaining Walls
- Heat & A/C
- Sheds
- Additions

Permits issued for re-roofing, siding, and windows are issued the same day. All other permits require approval by either the Zoning Chairperson or Building Inspector or both, so please allow adequate time for processing. Please have all drawings, plans, and material lists available when submitting the permit for approval.