

# Riverside Review

April / May 2012

## Village of Riverside

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### Village President

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Arlene Blaha

### Village Manager

Peter Scalera

### Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

April 2

April 16

May 7

May 21

### Commission Meetings

#### April 2012

05 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30  
10 (Tues) Cable Comm., 7:30  
10 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
12 Preservation Comm., 7:30  
17 Plan Commission 7:30  
19 Police Adjudication, 6:00  
23 Parks & Rec. Comm., 7:00  
24 Historical Comm., 7:00  
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

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03 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30  
03 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 am  
08 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
08 Police & Fire Comm., 7:00pm  
10 Preservation Comm., 7:30  
14 Cable Commission, 7:30  
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Please call 708-447-2700  
ext. 254 to confirm the  
meeting you wish to attend.



For more  
Information,  
please visit  
[www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us).

## Riverside 2012 Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 28, 10:00 a.m., at the Guthrie Park  
Gold Star Memorial Garden

This year marks the fourth anniversary of the Riverside Memorial Day program which was started in 2009 by Riverside resident Tom Sisulak. The goals of the Memorial Day program are to honor active duty service members and veterans, remember the ultimate sacrifice given by American service men and women who lost their lives in service to their country, and to educate all those in attendance about the true meaning of Memorial Day.



The Memorial Day Program is an event for all ages. Local scouting organizations will once again serve as honor guards during the program. Every scout in Riverside is invited to wear his or her formal uniform and participate in the morning's program. The program will feature patriotic music and speeches.

This year's program will specifically honor the 54 Riverside soldiers who were killed in action during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Pastors of each Riverside church will read the individual names of the Riverside soldiers who were killed in action.

We invite all Riverside residents to attend the Memorial Day Program to help us honor our true American heroes. Refreshments will be provided following the program. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held at Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside Road.

## Special Projects Update

### "Green" Parking Lot on Burlington Street

The engineering work for construction of the new parking lot on Burlington Street is complete. Village Staff and our engineering firm are currently assembling the bid documents with plans to award the contract in May. Work should begin soon afterward.

### CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

The Village's Local Technical Assistance Program is moving forward. At their February 6 meeting, the Village Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to develop a Central Business District plan which will formulate a vision and identify development strategies for improving the function and character of the Village's downtown, while building on the Village's image and identity.



In March 2012, Village staff and CMAP staff finalized the Scope of Work for the project, identified the steering committee, and created web pages where residents will be able to follow the progress of the project. The first public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Township Auditorium. For more information residents are encouraged to visit the village website at [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us).

## Dog Ownership Reminders

If you have made the decision to welcome a dog into your family, congratulations! Caring for a canine companion can be a tremendously rewarding experience. You are likely already aware of the many responsibilities of caring for a dog. As a reminder, the Village also has very clear expectations for dog owners as outlined in the Municipal Code. More information regarding the Village's rules for dog owners can be found online or at Village office. In brief, they include:

- **When walking your dog, remember that the dog *must* be on a leash.** Similarly, dogs must be on a leash if on private property but accessible to the public (on a front porch, in the front yard, etc.).
- **Even when on a leash, dogs are not permitted on Village tennis courts, baseball fields, or tot lots.** This is a matter of public health.
- **You must pick up after your dog.** Dog owners are required to immediately remove excrement left by their dog from any public way or property not owned by the dog owner.
- **Owners of dogs who bark excessively may be fined.** All dogs bark; however, dogs are not permitted to violate the "quiet of another person or neighborhood."



Please be a responsible dog owner. These regulations are in place because they ensure that everyone is able enjoy our beautiful Village!

**To get the latest news and developments about the Village of Riverside, please sign up for the E-Flash. To register, go to [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us) and click on the Riverside E-flash link on the left side of the homepage or scan the QR code with your smart phone.**

## Riverside Arts Weekend

Saturday, May 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Riverside—Guthrie Park



Thank you, Riverside, for your past support of Riverside Arts Weekend! This year, RAW will continue to feature a juried arts fair. In addition, select local artists will be part of a Riverside Arts Center (RAC) sponsored invitational and throughout the weekend there will be theater, music, architecture and other arts-related events. Saturday evening will feature a gala fundraiser for the Riverside Arts Center. This will be a vibrant cultural weekend that brings visitors and residents together to mingle in historic downtown Riverside. The Olmsted Society Housewalk will also be held on Sunday.

For more information about these events, please visit the RAW website at <http://riversideartsweekend.weebly.com/>. See you there!

## Vehicle Sticker & Dog License Renewals begin in May

Renewal forms will be mailed out in mid-May. Stickers must be purchased and displayed no later than June 30 to avoid penalties. Current stickers are required for all vehicles registered (with the Secretary of State) to a Riverside address or housed in Riverside. Renewals with no changes can be renewed on-line before June 20. You may also return your renewals by mail or use the silver drop box in front of the village office. We will process your paperwork and mail your stickers to you. Please consider using these convenient renewal options rather than standing in line at the Village office.

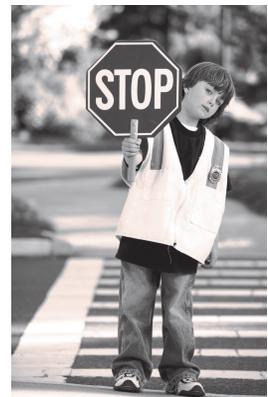
If your vehicle is no longer registered or housed in Riverside, you must provide the village with a copy of the bill of sale or other disposal record such as an insurance report or Secretary of State registration showing that the vehicle is no longer registered in Riverside. If a vehicle remains registered in Riverside but is used or stored out of town (such as with a college student or at second home), it still must have a Riverside vehicle sticker.

Dog owners must provide proof of current rabies inoculation. All dogs must be licensed.

## School Zone Safety Reminders

The Riverside Police Department reminds parents to use caution when dropping off or picking up students at area schools. Your child's safety is our main concern.

- When driving to school, obey traffic signs and No Parking areas around the schools.
- Use the designated drop off areas.
- Use the marked crosswalks when crossing and remind children to cross at designated crosswalks.
- Drive with caution in school zones and watch for children crossing.
- Don't block driveways or crosswalks.
- Don't double park, as this will cause children to run out into the street and will block the view of other drivers.
- If you can't find a safe spot to park, don't tie up traffic. Go around the block again to avoid holding up traffic.
- Don't use cell phones or other electronic devices in school zones.



Working together we can keep our children safe!

## Parks & Recreation Spring Soccer

**Spring Time = Soccer! April 29 – June 10 (6 weeks) No May 27.**

All girls and boys from 4 to 9 years of age (as of 1/1/12) are invited to participate in our spring soccer program. The program is designed to let kids have fun while learning soccer in a safe environment. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt. Program format is: ½ practice, ½ game in each time slot. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and shin guards. Volunteer coaches are needed; please contact the office at (708) 442-7025 if interested. **Registration Deadline is April 13<sup>th</sup>.** *Registrations after April 13<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a \$5.00 late registration fee .*



**Micro Tot Soccer**  
4 to 5 years

**Big Shot Soccer**  
6 to 7 years

**Junior Kick Soccer**  
8 to 9 years