

# Riverside Review

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## Village of Riverside

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## Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

August 15  
September 19

## Commission Meetings

### August 2011

03 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00  
04 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am  
04 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30  
08 Cable Commission, 7:30  
09 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00  
11 Preservation Comm., 7:30  
16 Plan Commission, 7:30  
18 Police Adjudication, 6:30  
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23 Historical Comm., 7:00  
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\*Please call 708-447-2700 x 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.

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## That Looks Great!

“That looks great!” is what fellow residents are telling Linda, Carolyn, Bob, Cindy and others in their group as they pass by the Triangle planting beds that the group is working on. Members of the group have individually or collectively adopted several triangle planting beds on the north side of the Village as part of the Adopt a Bed program.

One triangle that has benefitted greatly from the group’s effort is the Northgate Road and Bartram Road triangle. Their efforts are primarily planting bed maintenance – removing undesirable plants to make way for the Columbine, Trillium, May apple and Jacobs Ladder that reside under a tree canopy that includes Hornbeam, Dogwood and Copper Beech.



Southeast of the intersection of Bartram and Nuttall, Carolyn and Linda are making way in a planting bed for Canadian Wild Ginger, Wild Geranium, Wild Orchid and Goldenrod to flourish. Further south near Nuttall and Herrick, they were able to coax a rose bush into bloom by removing various competing plants.

Near Kent and Longcommon Cindy has nurtured a planting bed that includes two different types of sedges. Last year saw the first new shoots in many years.



Residents need not be botanists or possess great strength to participate in the Adopt a Bed program and make a visible and positive difference in our community. Technical assistance is readily available and heavy lifting is left to others. The residents mentioned above spend a few hours per week in their planting bed endeavors and choose times that are convenient to them and when the weather is most pleasant. Anyone interested in joining in can adopt their own bed for the most self satisfaction or join an already established group.

More Adopt a Bed information is available on the Village web site. Click on Your Government, Commissions and Advisory Boards, then Landscape Advisory Commission. Adopt a Bed details are near the bottom of the page including a map of beds available for adoption as well as beds that have been adopted with the group leader and work days. Come join the fun!

## Going Green

**Did you know that a large tree can intercept 2,162 gallons of rainwater during a storm?** Trees intercept water, store some of it and reduce storm runoff and the possibility of flooding. Trees also provide shade for our homes and improve air quality. You can help save trees by opting out of receiving unwanted marketing materials. Log onto [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org) for more information on how to keep unwanted materials out of your mailbox.

Another way to conserve resources is to install more energy efficient appliances in your home. A simple home repair project like installing a \$7 aerator or \$20 shower head can result in real savings over time. When shopping for fixtures, look for the products with the **WaterSense** label. WaterSense is a partnership between the USEPA and manufacturers. Products that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20 percent more efficient without sacrificing performance. Please visit <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/> for more information.



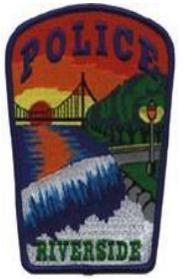
The USEPA website also features a **Household Emissions Calculator** that enables users to estimate their household’s greenhouse gas emissions and explore ways to reduce them. Check it out at: [http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind\\_calculator.html](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html).

**Did you know that you can have your utility bill e-mailed to you?** Over 100 residents are taking advantage of our e-bill program. To sign up, visit [www.riverside.il.us/ebill](http://www.riverside.il.us/ebill) and your next bill will be delivered electronically. Why not totally automate the process and sign up for direct debit, too? That form is available at [www.riverside.il.us/finance](http://www.riverside.il.us/finance) or by calling 447-2700.

To get the latest news and developments about the Village of Riverside, please sign up for the E-Flash System. To register, please go to [www.riverside.il.us/eflash](http://www.riverside.il.us/eflash).

# Riverside Police Make School Children a Top Priority

Residents may have already noticed that the Riverside Police have stepped up enforcement of parking and traffic laws around all schools within the community. This is mainly due to the Police Departments Intensified Traffic Enforcement Program. This program began in November 2010 and so far has been a big success. In a short period of time there were 128 citations issued, and 4 arrests made. Citations ranged from speeding, failure to stop at stop signs, using a cell phone within a school zone, no insurance, speeding in a school zone, parking violations, and handicap parking violations. Arrests were mainly for driving on a revoked or suspended license. The Intensified Enforcement program will continue for the foreseeable future for the safety of our children. Additionally two traffic safety committees have been formed that the Police Department is actively involved in. Both committees have been successful in making the areas around schools safer. The community can be assured that additional changes are coming and enforcement will continue.



With the 2011-2012 school year beginning, please be aware of children nearby. Drive carefully, and do not use your cellular telephone in a school zone. According to Police Chief Tom Weitzel, "The number one cause of accidents is being distracted." Riverside residents can be assured that the Police Department is making our children a top priority. During the 2010-2011 school year, a crossing guard and a child were struck by cars in separate incidents. Fortunately neither victim was seriously injured. The Riverside Police Department wishes to prevent this from ever occurring again.

## Riverside Farmers Market

**The Riverside Farmers' Market is back in a NEW location and better than ever!** The market is held on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Township Hall and the Riverside Public Library through October 26, 2011. Vendors this year include: Aunt Diana's, The Farm, Farmer Nick's, Fraternite Notre Dame, From Scratch Bakery, Lyons Fruit Farm, Olives 4 You, Primo Pizza and Wild Sands Farm. The market will also feature music or other programming each week along with tables hosted by a different community group and local business. Stop by each Wednesday to shop for great locally grown and produced food and visit with your friends and neighbors!



## 2012 Budget Input

During the month of October, the Village Board will be seeking public input regarding the 2012 Budget for the Village of Riverside. Please visit the [www.riverside.il.us/budget](http://www.riverside.il.us/budget) for the latest budget drafts (once available) and opportunities for you to provide input. The annual budget is a collaborative process with departments, advisory commissions, elected officials and the public identifying priorities and scrutinizing expenses to ensure the public's money is well spent. To ensure the residents are fully informed of all budget related activities, the Village coordinates budget workshops and hearings. These meetings are designed to provide the Board of Trustees and the public with easy to understand details of revenues and expenditures without confusing jargon.

## Road Improvements

Please be on the lookout for construction workers and use extra caution in the vicinity of Blythe Road, Northwood Road, Bartram Road, Miller Road and North Delaplaine Road where road improvements will likely be ongoing during the months of August and September. The section of North Delaplaine Road between DesPlaines Avenue and Longcommon Road is scheduled for replacement and will necessitate the re-routing of traffic onto nearby streets which many drivers may not be familiar with. Residents in surrounding areas should expect an increase in traffic during construction.

## Upcoming Community Events



The final **Cruise Night** of the season is Thursday, August 11 from 6:00—9:00 p.m. on Burlington Street. Be sure to stroll on down to see a wide variety of vintage and classic cars. Spend time with family and friends right here in beautiful downtown Riverside. Restaurants and shops will be open for business.

The annual **Car Show** will be Sunday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. in downtown Riverside. Last year, over 250 cars were on display in and around Centennial Plaza and Guthrie Park. This is another great family friendly event. Don't miss it!

**Walking Tours** of historic Riverside sponsored by the Olmsted Society are scheduled for the following Sundays: August 28, September 18 and October 30. Tours depart from the Riverside Train Station at 2:00 p.m. Please visit [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org) for additional information.

## Sign up for E-flash

Don't miss any vital information. Sign up for E-Flash today and receive e-mail updates from the Village. To sign up, go to the Village website [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us) and click on the RIVERSIDE E-FLASH link on the left side of the home page. You will be added to our mailing list immediately.

The Village of Riverside is also on Twitter – **Follow us @RiversideGov.**

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