

Riverside Review

August / September 2012

Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

August 20

September 17

Commission Meetings

August 2012

01 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00
02 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 a.m.
02 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
09 Preservation Comm., 7:30
13 Cable Comm., 7:30
14 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
16 Police Adjudication, 6:00
21 Plan Commission 7:30
27 Parks & Rec. Comm., 7:00
28 Historical Comm., 7:00
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

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Please call 708-447-2700
ext. 254 to confirm the
meeting you wish to attend.

For more
Information,
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Coffee n' Cuffs

Get to Know Your Riverside Police Officers

Our Question: How can we better communicate with the people we serve? One shift came up with the answer - *just have a cup of coffee.* "Coffee n' Cuffs" is a new RPD pilot program that will provide opportunities for Riverside residents to get to know Riverside police officers in a casual, inviting atmosphere. Each month, you are invited to meet one of our Riverside officers to discuss what's of concern to you in your area. This program is designed to enhance communication between citizens and Riverside officers. We believe Coffee n' Cuffs will be a great way to interact and we hope you think so, too.

Let's grab a cup of coffee and talk a while!

Space is limited – Adult residents only

When: **2nd Thursday** each month - 7 p.m.

Where: Alternating – **TBA** each month

Contact: **Officer Joshua Teune** (708) 447-2127 or jteune@riverside.il.us

Fire Department to Offer CPR / AED Class

In order to better serve our community, the Riverside Fire Department is offering CPR /AED courses to the general public that are recognized by the American Heart Association. The Heart Saver course (General Public), is approximately 3 hours.

The early initiation of **quality** CPR has proven to increase the survival rate of patients who suffer a cardiac arrest. Combining community CPR with early defibrillation and advanced life support has proven to save lives. All CPR classes are American Heart Association (AHA) Classes. Our AHA CPR & ECC Center is through Edward EMS System.

Dates: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 or Thursday, September 20, 2012

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Riverside Youth Center Meeting Room

Age Group: 17 & older

Class Size: 8 – 16 people

Cost: Riverside Resident \$25.00 / Non-Resident \$35.00

Payment is due before being placed on the roster.

Text Book: Optional (*Healthcare Provider Student Manual* and *Heart Saver Student Manual*) \$14.00. Participants must register in advance by calling the Riverside Fire Department at 708-442-2251, ext. 312 during normal business hours. Registration and payment must be received one week prior to the start of class. Each participant will receive a CPR card at the end of the class.

Electric Aggregation Update

The Village's new electric supplier, Direct Energy, has uploaded all eligible resident and small commercial electric accounts to ComEd. There is a standard 20-day process that began on June 29 and ended July 20.

Nearly all of the meters in Riverside were read in the month of July on the 20th, 23rd, and 30th. The process is such that those meters read July 20, were the first to receive power flow from the new supplier. Meters read on July 23rd and July 30th were picked up on those dates as well--with the new supplier. Thus, ComEd bills received in mid-to late August will reflect the savings, and will also clearly state the name of your new supplier and the contracted rate of 4.88 cents per kWh (or stated in dollars: \$0.0488 per kWh.) The good news is, residents will capture much of the hot weather with our new supplier. Of the 3,820 electric accounts in Riverside, a total of 3,354 enrolled in the program. There were 313 accounts that were not solicited as they had already switched to another supplier, or were in the process of being switched. There were 25 undeliverable letters, and thus those accounts were not enrolled. Only 128 accounts opted out of the program, which means that of all eligible accounts, the Village had a very high success rate -- 96 percent enrollment, of eligible accounts with our electric aggregation program! At the average single-family household use in Riverside (based on the actual 2011 usage data), the combined savings for residents, for one year, over current ComEd rates, approaches \$1.25 million.

Any residents who opted out, but now want to participate in the program, may do so at any time, for no fee, by simply calling Direct Energy at 866-760-6040, stating they are a resident of Riverside, and that they want to join the program at the rate of 4.88 cents /kWh.

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 and click on the Riverside E-flash link on the left side of the homepage or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

Special Events with Riverside Parks & Recreation

Back-2-School Bash!

Get wild one more time with family and friends before school is back in session! Take part in the Back-2-School Bash and rock out to some awesome music, compete for prizes, get some grub and burn some energy on the inflatables! Take advantage of the free admission and party it up!

When: Sunday, August 5th

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: Big Ball Park

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Riverside's Own "Drive-In" Movie

We will be showing Cars 2! Pack up the family and head out for a night under the stars with exciting entertainment.

Car Show/Contest: Children 4-12 years old can design and build the cardboard car of their dreams with which they can enjoy the movie. We will have a "Car Show" and host a contest before the movie kicks off. Make sure to visit our concession stand for refreshments. **NO alcoholic beverages are allowed.**

When: Friday, August 10

Where: Big Ball Park

Car Show/Contest begins at 8 p.m. Contestants must enter by 7:50 p.m.

Judging/Awards: 8:25 pm

Movie Begins: 8:30 pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cori's Kids Triathlon

Do you love to swim, bike and run? Join us for the fourth annual Kids Triathlon. This event is open to children ages 7 to 18 and is graciously sponsored by the Cori Sikich Foundation to increase awareness concerning overall wellness and body-image. NEW DRI-BALANCE T-SHIRT with each registration. **Limit 150 participants, so sign up early.**

Register for the New Quest to Cori's Class in the Youth Section!

Who: Ages 7 to 18 years

When: Saturday, August 25th

Where: Riverside Swim Club

Fee: \$40

***There will be NO Registration the day of the event**

Register now for Cori's Kids Triathlon online at www.riverside.il.us. Use code # 212590A



Green Parking Lot Nearing Completion

As part of the Village's long term plan to reduce the environmental and health risks of storm water runoff into combined sewers, the Village applied for and received an Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant (IGIG) from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to replace two existing asphalt alleys with permeable pavers and construct a parking lot of permeable pavers on Burlington Street in the Central Business District. These projects, which are nearing completion, will greatly increase permeability, enabling nearly 97% of rainfall at these locations to infiltrate into the ground. Furthermore, the permeable pavement and rain garden on Burlington Street will act to filter storm water runoff and reduce pollutant concentrations. Additionally, the parking lot will provide over 25 additional parking spaces in the Central Business District.

School's Open - Drive Carefully

Watch for students on their way to and from school.

Keeping kids safe is the responsibility of drivers everywhere. A few precautions can increase your chances for safely navigating school areas.

Safety Awareness for Parents:

- Increased traffic demands extra caution. Be aware of increased congestion around schools as people drop children off and pick them up.
- Properly seatbelt all passengers in your car. Put kids in the back seat of all vehicles — especially in cars equipped with passenger-side air bags.
- Choose a safe walking route to school. Select one with the fewest streets to cross. Use streets with low traffic volume and controlled intersections.
- Talk to your children about crosswalk safety rules.
- Dress to be seen. For maximum visibility, dress kids in light-colored clothing.



Safety Awareness For Drivers:

- Obey reduced speed limits posted in school zones.
- Stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.
- Reduce speed in residential areas. Be alert for late students running to catch the bus.
- Watch for children riding bicycles to and from school.
- Don't ever use your cell phone in school zones.
- Expect the unexpected.