

# Riverside Review

August / September 2014

## Village of Riverside

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### Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

August 7, August 21

September 4, September 18

### Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

#### August 2014

07 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am  
11 Cable Comm., 7:00  
12 Bd. of Fire & Police, 7:00  
12 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
14 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30  
14 Preservation Comm., 7:30  
18 Historical Comm., 7:00  
20 Safe Environment, 7:30  
21 Police Adjudication, 6:00  
25 Parks & Rec. Board, 7:00  
27 Planning & Zoning, 7:00

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

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## Pedestrian Safety in Riverside

Pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the U.S. for children ages 5-19, and teens are now at greater risk than younger children. This may be partially attributable to increased cell phone use or overall lack of attention. Here are a few helpful tips for everyone. Please take time to review these safety tips as the upcoming school year approaches. Pedestrians should always:

- Walk on sidewalks or paths and avoid walking in the street.
- Cross at street corners and cross with signals and crosswalks when provided.
- Put electronics down and look both ways twice before crossing streets.
- Young children should only cross the street with an adult.
- Make eye contact with drivers before entering the street to cross.
- Be aware of vehicles backing out of driveways when walking on the sidewalk.



Drivers should also take extra measures to be aware of pedestrians. Drivers should always:

- Remain alert in residential areas and assume there will be pedestrians around.
- Be on the lookout for walkers, bikers, and runners who may not be paying attention to their surroundings or may be distracted by their electronics. Because pedestrians and bicyclists sometimes cross the street unexpectedly, drivers must pay attention and use caution whenever they are present.

In Illinois, it is against the law to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands free device. This practice is especially dangerous in School Zones and Riverside Police will enforce the cell phone ban without exception. Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists are all urged to **EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION** at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Forest Avenue/Ridgewood Road, which is still under construction and will be extremely congested during student drop-off and pick-up times. School resumes for Riverside-Brookfield High School students on Wednesday, August 13. Classes resume on Wednesday, August 27 for students enrolled in District 96 schools.

## Upcoming Referendum Question

At their Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 17, the Village Board of Trustees approved an Ordinance authorizing placement of a Referendum question on the November 4th General Election ballot. The Referendum question will ask voters to approve the issuance of up to \$2.5 million in General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of making road and street improvements in the village. If voters approve the Referendum question in November, the village will be in a position to accelerate the schedule of much needed street repairs with **NO INCREASE** in the village's portion of the property tax burden. This debt issuance would be property tax neutral. This is possible because the village will be retiring its 2004 General Obligation Bonds issued for street improvement projects throughout the village in December 2014. The original amount of the bonds being retired was \$2.06 million and issuance of those bonds was approved via referendum in March 2004 with over 80% of voters in favor of issuing the bonds. Due to the Village's excellent bond rating and favorable interest rates, the village may be able to issue as much as \$2.5 million in bonds with no tax increase. The bonds will be repaid over a 10 year period.

A recent Street Sufficiency Study conducted by the village's engineering firm outlined \$8.2 million in needed street resurfacing, repair and maintenance projects over the next ten years; however, the village is only expected to have resources to fund \$4.6 million worth of repairs during that same time. Issuing the General Obligation bonds, if voters approve the Referendum, will allow the village to close the gap between the funds needed for repairs and the resources available to pay for projects.

## Buy Illinois Challenge

The Illinois Department of Agriculture's Buy Illinois Challenge urges shoppers to dedicate \$10 of their weekly grocery budgets to products that are grown or made in Illinois. If every household in Illinois dedicated just \$10 of their weekly grocery budget towards Illinois Products, \$47 million would be re-invested in the Illinois economy. That's over \$2.4 billion annually. Riverside Farmers' Market is the perfect place to start!

**Sign up for the E-flash today! Visit the website for details.**

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## Call 811 Before you Dig

August is National Safe Digging Month. If you're planning a home improvement project, planting a tree or shrub, installing a fence or deck, be sure to call 811 BEFORE you dig. Whether you're doing the job yourself or hiring a contractor, please call J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at least 48 hours or two business days prior to digging. The operator will ask where you plan to dig and what type of work you will be doing. J.U.L.I.E. will then notify local utility companies. Within 48 hours or two business days, utility companies will send a representative to mark the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables so you'll know what's below and be able to dig safely. According to J.U.L.I.E., underground utilities are unintentionally damaged once every minute. Homeowners and professional excavators who fail to notify a one-call center such as J.U.L.I.E. before digging cause approximately 40 percent of all damages. Damaging underground utility lines can result in unintended property damage, costly delays and serious personal injury. Play it safe and call 811 before starting any excavation project.



## Like us on Facebook



Check out the Riverside Economic Development Commission's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.EDC> to find out the latest information about businesses and events throughout the Village. The Riverside Farmers' Market facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideFarmers.Mkt> has the market's latest events and programs. And the Riverside Parks & Recreation Department's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideRec> is full of information about upcoming activities and programs.

## Save the Date: Upcoming Events in Riverside!

### **August 7: Zoovie in the Park**

Join the Parks & Recreation Department and Brookfield Zoo at Big Ball Park at 6:30 p.m. sharp and party like an animal! The Brookfield Zoo will have animals and Keepers in the Park! Dress up as your favorite animal and join us for a parade around the park at 8:00 p.m.! At dusk, we will all relax and watch *Zookeeper* on the big outdoor screen. Concessions provided by Aunt Diana's.



### **August 16: Cori's Kids Triathlon**

Do you love to swim, bike and run? Join us for the sixth 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. Each participant will receive a DRI-BALANCE T-SHIRT. Limit is 150 participants, so sign up by August 8 at 5:00 p.m.! The cost is \$40. Register online through e-pay or in person at the Water Tower. Parks & Recreation office hours are from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.



### **September 5: Bourbon Springs Concert in the Park**



Finally, a reason to celebrate in September! Enjoy the music of Guitarra Azul, the company of your friends and neighbors and the fun of a Ravinia style picnic from 6:30—9:30 p.m. in Guthrie Park! Say goodbye to Summer and welcome Autumn with dancing feet in Guthrie Park.

### **October 4: Riverside Ride**

Hop on your mountain bike, tandem, chopper or unicycle and show your love of cycling in Riverside. Wheel on over to Guthrie Park and join your friends and neighbors for a relaxed ride through the Village in the Forest. Time to be announced. This event is sponsored by the Economic Development Commission of Riverside.



## Kinderkids Registration Information

**KinderKids begins this year on September 9.** This popular program offers both morning and afternoon sessions to compliment the half-day kindergarten program offered by Riverside Public School District 96. KinderKids Club participants will enhance their emotional, social, cognitive, and physical development by engaging in activities that follow the Illinois standards and benchmarks for learning in both early childhood and kindergarten. Children will thrive in a recreational setting that puts the FUN in LEARNING as well as develop lasting friendships. KinderKids runs Tuesdays through Fridays in accordance with the District 96 schedule. Please visit the homepage of the village website at [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us) and click on the KinderKids/Kindergarten Enrichment Program link for more information. Registration is ongoing.

