

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings
All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
August 6, August 20
September 3, September 17

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

August 2015

06 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 (am)
10 Cable Comm., 7:00
11 Board of Fire & Police, 7:00
11 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
13 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:00
19 Safe Environment, 7:00
20 Police Adjudication, 6:00
24 Parks & Rec. Board, 7:00
26 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

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08 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
10 Economic Dev Comm., 7:00
10 Preservation Comm., 7:00
14 Cable Commission, 7:00
16 Safe Environment, 7:00
17 Police Adjudication, 6:00
21 Historical Comm., 7:00
23 Planning and Zoning, 7:00
28 Parks & Rec. Board, 7:00

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



For more
information,
please visit
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Riverside to be featured on PBS Program

Chicago's public television station WTTW is producing a new series for national broadcast on PBS. *10 that Changed America* will feature segments on homes, parks and communities. The series is described as a broad overview of the built environment. Riverside will be included in the program *10 Towns that Changed America* which will focus on urban planning. The program will explore the evolution of the suburban lifestyle with the growth of the automotive industry. It will also feature profiles of urban planners and their efforts to reinvent urban living over the years and end with an overview of the current trend of walkable communities and transit-oriented developments. Geoffrey Baer is the host of the series. He and the crew from WTTW conducted interviews and filmed at several locations in Riverside in July and will return to the village in August to obtain additional footage for the show. Please visit the WTTW website, www.wttw.com, for updates on when the program will be broadcast. Mr. Baer will also be in Riverside to give a lecture in September in conjunction with the Olmsted Society's FRED event. Please visit the Olmsted Society website for details: www.olmstedsociety.org.



Back to School Safety

Traffic in Riverside will increase with the start of the school year. Please take a few minutes 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 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.



Bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as motorists. This includes stopping at stop signs and stop lights and yielding to pedestrians in cross walks. Bicyclists are also required to:

- Use hand signals to indicate their intended direction of travel.
- Use a white headlight and red rear reflector at night or when visibility is poor.

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** in school zones, near parks and near railroad grade crossings. According to BNSF, a 100-car freight train traveling at 55 miles per hour will need more than a mile to stop once the train begins emergency braking. Commuter trains require a similar distance.

Fire Department Open House!

The Riverside Fire Department will host an Open House at Fire Station 2, 59 Pine Avenue on Sunday, September 27, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event will be educational and interactive. Participants can tour emergency vehicles, watch live demonstrations by firefighters and receive fire prevention educational materials. Other local agencies including the Riverside Police Department will be on hand. Numerous fire apparatuses, including antique fire vehicles, will also be on display. There will be two vehicle extrication demonstrations, fire extinguisher demonstrations and opportunities for photos with Sparky, the Fire Prevention Dog. This event is being held in conjunction with the annual Riverside Car Show in Centennial Plaza and Guthrie Park. Refreshments will be served. Please contact the Village Office for additional information.



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

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.

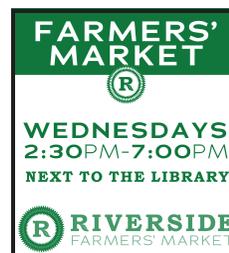
[Upcoming Community Events in Riverside](#)

There will be a lot going on in downtown Riverside this Autumn. Don't miss out on the fun!

- Cruise Night—Thursday, August 13 on Burlington Street or East Avenue
- A Night at Riv-inia, Friday, September 4: Free Blues Concert in Guthrie Park
- Food & Brew—Saturday, September 26, sponsored by the Riverside Junior Woman's Charity
- Car Show—Sunday, September 27, Centennial Plaza and Guthrie Park
- Bing-O-ctober—Saturday, October 3 at the Riverside Public Library
- Annual Riverside Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll—Friday, December 4

[Riverside Farmers' Market](#)

Don't forget about the Riverside Farmers' Market! The market is held in the parking lot between the Riverside Public Library and Township Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30—7:00 p.m. The market is in full swing with lots of fresh veggies and fruit in addition to naturally raised pork, beef and chicken, butter, cheese, eggs, baked goods and specialty confections and brews from hometown favorites Aunt Diana's, Chocolate Twist and Riverside Foods. The market also features prepared foods such as pizza, donuts, crepes, burgers and tamales and specialty products and services like hand made soap and knife sharpening. The market also features live music each week! Additionally, through the generous partnership of Riverside Township, the market is now able to offer vouchers to Riverside Township residents who are enrolled in the township's general assistance and food pantry programs. For more information on these programs, please contact Riverside Township at 708-442-4400.



[Rain Barrel Update](#)

MWRD has previously offered rain barrels to residents at no cost; however, free rain barrels were only available to residents whose downspouts were still connected to the sewer system. To qualify for a free rain barrel, residents had to agree to disconnect their downspouts from the sewer system, direct the water flow to the rain barrel and properly maintain the rain barrel. MWRD has subsequently amended the provisions of the program to make free rain barrels available to any resident who requests them, even if the resident has already disconnected their downspouts. Please visit the **Rain Barrels** page of the **For Residents** section of the village website to access the **Resident Rain Barrel Intake Form**. Residents should send completed forms to the village office. The Department of Public Works will coordinate delivery of the rain barrels.



[Vehicle Sticker and Dog Tag Reminder](#)

Residents are reminded that vehicle stickers are required for all vehicles housed in Riverside or registered (with the Illinois Secretary of State) to a Riverside address. Stickers for the June 2015-2016 year went on sale in mid May and should have been purchased and displayed by June 30, 2015. Later this year, the village will cross check the database of village stickers with the Illinois Secretary of State's vehicle registration records. Anyone with a vehicle registered to a Riverside address who has not purchased a Riverside vehicle sticker will receive a citation. If you have not purchased your vehicle stickers yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid additional penalties.



Residents are also reminded that all canine companions living in Riverside must be registered with the village. Residents must show proof of current rabies inoculation in order to register a dog. Obtaining a dog tag assists staff in returning lost dogs to their owners. Please be a responsible dog owner. When walking your dog, the dog must be on a leash. Letting your dog walk unleashed does not allow any control over your animal should something frighten or startle the dog. Other people do not know your dog and should feel safe when out enjoying our village sites and parks. Similarly, dogs must be on a leash if on private property but accessible to the public on a front porch or in the front yard. 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 and safety.

Dog owners must remove excrement left by their dog from any public way or property not owned by the dog owner. The fine for neglecting to do so can range from \$25 to \$500, with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense and escalating fines for subsequent offenses.

All dogs bark; however, dogs are not permitted to violate the "quiet of another person or neighborhood." The Police Department investigates all complaints of excessive dog barking. Owners of dogs who are found to be disturbing the quiet of others or the neighborhood may be fined from \$25 to \$100 per day.

[Parks & Recreation News](#)

It's not too late to *Commit to be Fit in 2015!* The Parks & Recreation Department has numerous opportunities for adults and children to get moving, try new activities and have fun! Please visit the Parks & Recreation page of the village website to view the entire brochure of available classes and special events. Online registration is easy and free and the department will email you a confirmation of your class selections. The Parks & Recreation Department is located in the Historic Water Tower. Call them at 708-442-7025 for more information.