

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings
All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
August 4, August 18
September 1, September 15

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

August 2016

04 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 a.m.
08 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
09 Bd. of Fire & Police 7:00
11 Preservation Comm., 7:00
18 Police Adjudication, 6:00
24 Planning and Zoning 7:00

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08 Economic Development, 7:00
12 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
13 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
15 Police Adjudication, 6:00
19 Historical Commission, 7:00
21 Safe Environment, 7:00
26 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
28 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

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



For more
information,
please visit
www.riverside.il.us.

Heroin & Opioid Addiction

The heroin and opioid addiction epidemic is here and Riverside is not immune. Recently, the Riverside Police Department and Riverside Presbyterian Church sponsored an informative program on this important public health crisis and Riverside TV was there to record it. Tune into Riverside TV to educate yourself about this problem which is primarily impacting our 18-25 year olds.

The Chicago Metropolitan area outpaces the nation's rate of emergency room visits for heroin overdoses by nearly 3 to 1 according to the most recent federal statistics. Even more alarming is the fact that this epidemic is spreading well beyond the city limits. According to an article in the Chicago Tribune published on July 21, 2015, heroin has taken a life every 3 days in Chicago's suburbs since 2012, and the epidemic is quickly growing. To learn more, please go to the Riverside TV website and watch the Heroin and Opioids program. If you or someone you love needs help dealing with addiction, please contact the New Day Center at Adventist Hospital at (630) 856-7701 or Rosecrance at (888) 928-5278.

MWRD Interceptor Lining Project

After several months delay, the project to line the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's intercepting sewer that traverses Riverside is underway. Employees of MWRD's contractor, Kenny Company, have been setting up operations at the intersection of Forest Avenue and First Avenue, the starting point of the project in Riverside. Traffic lanes at that location have been reduced.

The intercepting sewer is approximately seven feet in diameter and enters Riverside at the intersection of Forest Avenue and First Avenue. The sewer is buried beneath the length of Forest Avenue to the intersection with Longcommon Road then veers south under the railroad tracks following Riverside Road to Miller Road where it exits Riverside at Ogden Avenue. All wastewater from the entire Riverside sewer system is conveyed into this intercepting sewer. The wastewater then makes its way to the MWRD treatment plant in Stickney.

The intercepting sewer is 80 years old and in need of rehabilitation. The lining project will improve the structural integrity of the intercepting sewer and extend the life of the system. In Riverside, a geopolymer spray lining will be applied to the interior of the sewer after cleaning and repair. The lining process will take place in 600 to 1,000 foot segments. For each segment, supplies and equipment with a "footprint" of approximately 100 feet will be set up along the curb on one side of the street for 4 to 6 week periods. At times, Forest Avenue will be closed to through traffic with motorists detoured to Pine Avenue.

If the lining project does not cause a street to be closed there will be traffic lane obstructions involving traffic control devices such as barricades and cones as well as flag men. Another location that is expected to cause traffic problems is on Riverside Road in front of the Police and Fire Departments. The project includes the reconstruction of two manholes in this vicinity. Plans have not been finalized, but travel restrictions will be required including detours or new traffic patterns.

Riverside motorists are advised to keep abreast of the changing project locations and associated traffic obstructions and try to avoid the area by identifying an alternate route. Those who need to travel through the area should anticipate delays.

Got Mulch?

The village has a mulch pile located behind the Public Works building on the northwest corner of the property. Mulch is FREE to any Riverside resident. Drive to the rear of the building past the fuel pumps to reach the mulch pile. Be sure to bring you own shovel, container(s) and enough manpower to move the mulch you wish to take. Public Works is located at 3860 Columbus Blvd. in Riverside Lawn. Exit Riverside via the Barrypoint bridge near the Hoffman Tower. At the stop sign on the south side of the bridge, turn left onto 39th Street and follow it to the dead end. You will see the Public Works facility on the left. Hours for picking up mulch are from 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

The JULIE Rainbow

Ever wonder what color is associated with what underground utility when you see the different colored flags and paint markings on the ground or pavement? State law requires persons to contact the JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) organization before any digging project regardless of the project size or depth. Call 811 or 800-892-0123. Both the call and the locating service are free. To prevent injury or utility damage, JULIE recommends that the following steps be followed: Call before you dig. Wait the required amount of time for utility locates to be made (two working days after the phone call). Respect the marks, then dig with care.



The following projects should not be undertaken without first contacting JULIE: Installing a decks or patios, installing fences, trees or shrubs, mail-box posts, swing sets, room additions, sign posts, gardens, fountains, swimming pools, tents, landscaping.

When you call JULIE, utility owners mark their underground lines in accordance with the following color scheme:

Red – Electric

Orange – Communications

Purple – Reclaimed water, irrigation

White – Proposed Excavation

Yellow - Gas, Oil or Petroleum

Blue - Potable Water

Green – Sewer

Pink – Temporary Survey

August/September Events in Riverside!

Cruise Night—Thursday, August 11 from 5:00—9:00 p.m. in the Central Business District.

Cori's Triathlon—Saturday, August 20 starting at 7:00 a.m. in the 1st Division.

Wright Ride 2016—Sunday, August 21 from 6:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. on Longcommon & Forest Avenues.

NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition—Tuesday, August 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Big Ball Park.

All Participants need to register at <http://www.nflppk.com/competitions/register/index/23382>.

Walking Tour of Riverside—Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. Tour departs from the Riverside Train Depot. Contact the Olmsted Society for details.

Riv-inia Concert—Friday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Guthrie Park.

Walking Tour of Riverside—Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. Tour departs from the Riverside Train Depot. Contact the Olmsted Society for details.

Touch A Truck—Thursday September 22 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. at Centennial Plaza.

Hop Stop 2016 Craft Beer Tasting—Saturday, September 24 from 4:00—7:00 p.m. at the Riverside Train Station.

Car Show—Sunday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. in Centennial Plaza and Guthrie Park.

Burlington Streetscape and Resurfacing Update

Construction continues on the Burlington Streetscape and Resurfacing Project. The contractor has installed the planters, brick pavers, new street lights, benches, trash receptacles and the irrigation system for the planters. Landscaping will be installed in the coming weeks. The final item to be completed will be the resurfacing of Burlington Street from Longcommon to Harlem. Construction should be wrapping up by the end of August.

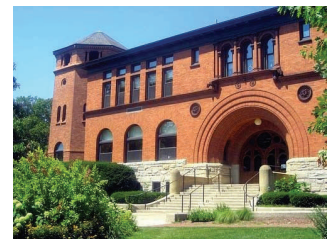
Please continue to support our downtown businesses during construction and check out the streetscape improvements while you are there. In addition to on-street parking, customer parking is also available behind the Burlington businesses along the railroad tracks as well as in the Village's "Green" Parking Lot across the street from St. Mary's.

Back to School Safety Reminders

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.

Providing quality municipal services to our residents and visitors in a fiscally responsible manner consistent with our Village's historic tradition and community atmosphere.