

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30

October 4

October 18

November 1

November 15

Commission Meetings

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07 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30

11 Cable Commission, 7:30

12 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00

14 Preservation Comm., 7:30

19 Plan Commission, 7:30

21 Police Adjudication, 6:30

25 Parks & Rec Bd., 7:00

26 Historical Commission, 7:00

Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

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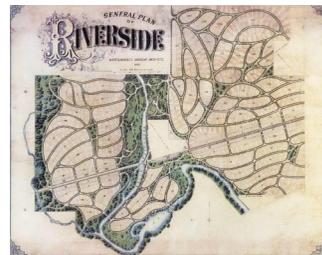
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to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.

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

40th Anniversary of Riverside's National Historic Landmark Designation

August 29, 2010 marked the 40th Anniversary of Riverside's designation as a National Historic Landmark. The Department of the Interior awarded Riverside with this honor after an application had been submitted the year before by Riverside citizen Robert Heidrich. As recent National Park Service documents state, "The primary significance of the Village of Riverside as a National Historic Landmark is as a designed landscape---one that fully captures the interplay of a holistic, forward thinking design philosophy with the functional necessities of a residential community." "Today, Riverside remains a distinguished representation of the extraordinary meshing of landscape architecture design philosophy with suburban development."



We dwell in a "living landmark," and generations of Riverside residents have steadfastly supported, with advocacy, volunteerism, and tax dollars, the maintenance and care that our landmark status requires. Consequently, the Village of Riverside has come to be accepted internationally as the prototype suburban community, a place that provides the finest example of living in the midst of grace and beauty. Like all communities nationwide, we face serious challenges, challenges that we will meet and triumph over, ever mindful that we bear a special responsibility as caretakers of a special place for those that follow. May it always be so.

- Village Trustee Lonnie Sacchi



Recycling Update

The feedback on the new refuse and recycling carts has been very positive and most residents have commented that the new carts are convenient to use. There has been noticeably less windblown debris with the carts. Recycling volumes have also increased since the new recycling carts were delivered in December and become part of residents' normal routine.

Allied Waste reports that with the new system, recycling volumes have increased by more than 17 percent compared to last year. However, the program works best if everyone does it correctly. With that in mind, here are a few reminders about the recycling cart system:

- Please use the carts that have been provided.
- Carts and other containers should be placed out for pickup by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday.
- Carts should be placed about one foot off the street with handles and wheels facing towards your house.
- Place carts so that vehicles parked on the street do not block the cart; carts should be at least three feet away from other carts and waste containers, mailboxes, trees, shrubs, or improvements.
- If you have additional material that will not fit in your recycling cart, it may be placed out for collection in recycling bins or paper bags and placed next to the recycling cart.
- If you have additional material that will not fit in your refuse cart, it may be placed out for collection, in a garbage can or heavy duty plastic bag. Bags and cans must be no larger than 35 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds.
- If you regularly have more waste than will fit in your cart, a larger cart is available through Allied Waste.
- As a courtesy to your neighbors, emptied containers should be removed from the parkway by Tuesday evening.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village at (708) 447-2700, Allied Waste at (708) 345-7050, or visit the Village's website at <http://www.riverside.il.us>.

Neighborhood Living

We all wish to live in a neighborhood where crime is low, people are sensitive to everyone's wishes and needs and everyone gets along with their neighbors. Now that the air conditioners are off, we sometimes are able to leave windows open to let fresh air in, and our activities have a higher chance of impacting our neighbors.

Please remember that when dogs bark they may be intruding on a neighbors' peace and quiet. Dogs barking in homes or when left outside can cause our neighbors to call the police when other avenues for bringing peace have gone unanswered. When a barking dog complaint rises to the level that police are called, the police may write a citation if the animal owner refuses to quiet the dog or is a repeat offender.

Please be aware that your actions and the actions of your dog may affect more than just yourself. Please be a good neighbor and quiet your dog if it is barking for no reason.

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.

Public Works News

Wildlife: The Public Works Department encourages residents to keep a safe distance from wildlife while out and about in the community. Yes, Riverside is a Village in a Forest, and as such, wild animals may sometimes venture farther out of the forest preserves and into our community than is safe for them or us. Please view the animals from a safe distance and DO NOT feed the animals. Doing so can cause wild animals to lose their fear of humans which will bring more animals, and their predators, into our community.

Fall Leaves: Village ordinances dictate that residents are not permitted to blow their leaves into the street. Please help keep the Village streets safe for all motorists and remember to keep leaves out of the street as much as is possible.

Snowplowing: Winter will soon be here. On occasion, Village snowplows may have large parts of the plows break off in the street (particularly after they hit something buried under the snow). If you do find a large, heavy object in the street after it has been plowed, we ask that you please contact the Public Works Department at (708) 442-3590. We are often able to reuse parts once we have recovered them.



Cold Weather Safety Tips

As we prepare for the cold winter months, it is important to think about the hazards that accompany cold weather.

If you use a wood burning fireplace or stove, make sure to have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your chimney and fireplace at least annually, more often if you use it frequently. Place fireplace or wood stove ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet away from anything that burns. Never place ashes on a wood deck. A flue fire can ruin your chimney or stovepipe. To prevent flue fires, burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Burn small, hot fires; don't burn trash. Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping. If children are present, use a special child-guard screen as a barrier.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. CO gas can come from several sources: gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces or fireplaces and motor vehicles. Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas. Having a CO detector within ten feet of each sleeping area is an Illinois law. Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present. Most CO detectors should be replaced within ten years of purchase. If you believe you have a Carbon Monoxide problem, call 9-1-1.

Give heaters space. Put at least 36 inches of empty space between the heater and everything else, like furniture, curtains, papers and people. Vacuum and clean the dust and lint from all heaters. A buildup of dust and lint can cause a fire. Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If the cord gets hot, frayed or cracked have the heater serviced. Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters; they are a common cause of fires. Turn off portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping. An adult should always be present when a space heater is used around children.

If you have questions about fire safety, contact the Riverside Fire Department at 708-447-2123.

Change Your Clock - Change Your Smoke Detector Battery

You've heard it many times before, but it's important, so: the Riverside Fire Department encourages residents to PLEASE remember to change the battery in your smoke detector when you move your clocks back at the end of Daylight Savings Time. Since the batteries in your smoke detectors should be changed twice each year, it's easy to remember to do so if you do it each time you change your clocks at the beginning / end of Daylight Savings Time.

This year, Daylight Savings Time ends on **November 7**. You know what to do!!

Trick or Treating Safety Tips

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. However, roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. Many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

Ghosts, ghouls and monsters aren't the only things to be afraid of on Halloween. Accidents and mishaps increase dramatically when children trick-or-treat.

To avoid the many dangers children face while trick-or-treating, use common sense. Be aware of potential Halloween hazards and take precautions to eliminate them. Consider heading for an indoor Halloween party and bypass any chaos or danger.

Halloween Costume Safety Tips

- Wear flame retardant costumes.
- Try on costumes before Halloween to allow time for altering.
- Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.
- Apply reflective tape to your Halloween costumes.
- Avoid masks. Use make-up instead.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Double tie your shoelaces so you don't trip.
- Keep your costume and wig away from candles.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they are flexible and cannot harm anyone.

