

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

October 3

October 17

November 7

November 21

Commission Meetings

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06 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30

10 Cable Commission, 7:30

11 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00

13 Preservation Comm., 7:30

18 Plan Commission, 7:30

20 Police Adjudication, 6:30

24 Parks & Rec Bd., 7:00

25 Historical Comm., 7:00

Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

November 2011

02 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00

03 Police Pension Board, 8:00am

03 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30

08 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00

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14 Cable Commission, 7:30

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

For more
information
please visit

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The 2012 Budget Process is Underway Let Your Voice Be Heard

Starting in the summer months, staff begins preparations for the 2012 budget. In late September, the Village Manager provides a proposed budget, which is available at the Library and on the village website: www.riverside.il.us/budget. During October, the Village Board will discuss and deliberate the proposed budget to arrive at a spending plan for 2012. The Village is interested in your opinion! Please take a few minutes to review the latest draft of the budget and provide feedback. You can let us know your ideas and opinions by talking with the elected officials, attending a budget workshop (the schedule is on the webpage), completing the feedback form on our website, or sending an email to budget@riverside.il.us.

1,000 Tree Planting Project

Each autumn, since 2007, Riverside resident Tom Sisulak, in conjunction with the Riverside United Methodist Church, the village forester, and Ojibwa Native American Joseph Standing Bear, has organized a Volunteer effort called the 1,000 Tree Planting Project. This year's event will take place on Saturday, November 12. The event is designed to encourage natural forest regeneration and environmental education. Participants should meet at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside Road, at 10:00 a.m. for a brief seminar on how to properly plant seeds, how to find a good spot for planting and how to use the hand crafted planting tools that will be provided to participants. After the seminar, 10 teams will head out into the Village to plant 100 seeds each. After planting their seeds, volunteers are invited to back to the church for chili, coffee and hot chocolate. All are welcome.



Riverside Farmers' Market

The final Farmers' Market of the 2011 season is Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 2:30—7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Township Hall and the Riverside



Public Library. The Village would like to thank the many market volunteers who made this year a great success. A big thank you also goes out to all of our amazing vendors for their continued support and participation. If you didn't visit the market this year, don't worry. We're already planning for next year. Whether you're interested in participating in the planning process or simply helping out once the market gets started, please e-mail: riverside-farmers-market@googlegroups.com. We want your input! Also, don't forget to like the market on facebook and follow the market on Twitter @RiversideFarmMkt.

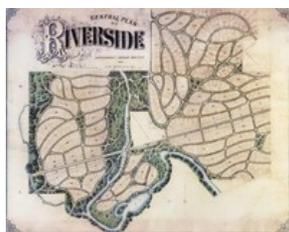
Change Your Clock - Change Your Smoke Detector Battery

The Riverside Fire Department encourages residents to PLEASE change smoke detector batteries when setting clocks back at the end of Daylight Savings Time. Smoke detector batteries should be changed twice each year, so it's easy to remember if you change them each time you change your clocks at the beginning / end of Daylight Savings Time. This year, Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6. You know what to do!!

Museum News



The Riverside Historical Museum has a beautiful new website thanks to Historical Commissioner and museum volunteer Heather Plaza-Manning. Please visit the museum online at www.riversidemuseum.net. More importantly, please visit the Museum on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. The Museum has displays in the East and West Well Houses, the Riverside Public Library, and the Township Hall.



In other news, Village Trustee Lonnie Sacchi and Historical Commissioner Connie Guardi are currently working with Arcadia Publishing, the leading publisher of local history books in the United States, to produce a book on the history of Riverside for Arcadia's popular *Images of America* series. All proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Museum. Publication is scheduled for sometime in 2012. Thank you Lonnie and Connie!

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.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2011

But Fire Prevention is Always Timely—Test your Knowledge with the Fire Prevention Week Quiz

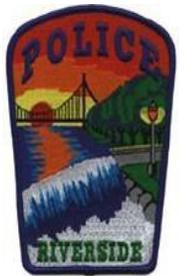
1. What is the leading item first ignited in a cooking fire?
 - a. clothing
 - b. food
 - c. paper
 - d. pot holder
2. Where do most home fires start?
 - a. basement
 - b. bedroom
 - c. kitchen
 - d. living / family room
3. Home fires peak within what time period?
 - a. 12 am – 3 am
 - b. 3 am—6 am
 - c. 5 pm – 8 pm
 - d. 8pm - 11pm
4. All smoke alarms should be replaced every
 - a. 15 years
 - b. 10 years
 - c. 5 years
 - d. 1 year
5. For the best protection, all smoke alarms should be interconnected. Why?
 - a. so you don't need to change the batteries
 - b. so you only need to test one
 - c. so you know they are working properly
 - d. so that when one sounds, they all sound
6. If the smoke alarm sounds, you should do what?
 - a. call the fire department and then leave the home
 - b. get outside and then call the fire department
 - c. remove the battery
 - d. wait for the fire dept to arrive
7. Smoke alarms should be installed
 - a. on every level of the home, inside each bedroom & outside each sleeping area
 - b. on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area & in the kitchen
 - c. on the levels of the home where people sleep
 - d. on every level of the home & inside each bedroom
8. A home fire escape drill should be practiced at least how often?
 - a. once a month
 - b. twice a month
 - c. once a year
 - d. twice a year
9. If you have home fire sprinklers in your home and there is a fire
 - a. only the sprinkler closest to the fire will go off
 - b. only the sprinkler near the door(s) leading outside will go off
 - c. all sprinklers in the home will go off
 - d. all sprinklers in the home will go off and continue releasing water until the fire dept turns them off
10. Working smoke alarms; a home fire escape plan; and home fire sprinklers
 - a. will protect your family from fires
 - b. are the focus for 2011 Fire Prevention Week
 - c. are important parts of a home fire safety plan
 - d. all of the above

To learn more about protecting your family from fire, the Riverside Fire Department encourages you to visit the National Fire Protection Association's website: www.firepreventionweek.org.

ANSWER KEY: 1. b 2. c 3. b 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. d 9. a 10. d

Halloween Safety Tips for Trick or Treating

Halloween is Monday, October 31, 2011. The Village of Riverside requests that children Trick-or-Treat between the hours of 3:00 —7:00 p.m. on Halloween. Make your child's Halloween a memorable holiday. Here are some easy tips to keep your child safe.



- Young children should always trick or treat in the company of a responsible adult.
- The hours of 3:00 — 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, have been designated as hours for trick-or-treating in Riverside.
- If your older children will be trick-or-treating with friends, agree on a route so you know where they are at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to trick-or-treat without adult supervision. If possible, make sure unaccompanied older children have a cell phone with them.
- Respect others and their property. Don't cut through yards or across front lawns. Stay on the sidewalk
- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!
- Instruct children that they should never enter the home of a stranger or get into a car with a stranger. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone they do not know approaches them and tries to talk to them.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, a glow stick or wears reflective tape to make them more visible to cars.

Important Information on Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste Collection begins the first Tuesday in April and ends the last Tuesday in November each year. The final yard waste collection day for 2011 will be Tuesday, November 29. Yard waste is picked up at the curb only. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up. Landscape waste that is too bulky for disposal in paper bags, including brush and other branches which are 4 inches in diameter or less, must be securely tied in bundles or placed in metal or plastic containers marked with a "Yard Waste" sticker. "Yard Waste" stickers are available free of charge at the Village office. Please be sure to properly bundle yard waste to ensure that it is picked up. Branches that are not bundled or contained in approved yard waste containers will not be picked up. Bundles should not exceed two feet in diameter and 50 pounds in weight. Individual branches must not be longer than 4 feet or larger than 4 inches in diameter. Yard waste containers must not exceed 35 gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight. Containers should have two handles.