

Riverside Review

October / November 2016

Village of Riverside

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Village Manager

Jessica Frances

Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
October 6, October 20
November 3, November 17

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

October 2016

10 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:00
17 Historical Commission, 7:00
20 Police Adjudication, 6:00
26 Planning and Zoning 7:00

November 2016

03 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 a.m.
08 Board of Fire & Police, 7:00
10 Economic Development, 7:00
14 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
14 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
14 Planning and Zoning, 7:00
16 Safe Environment, 7:00
17 Police Adjudication, 6:00
21 Historical Commission, 7:00
21 Parks & Recreation, 7:00

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



For more
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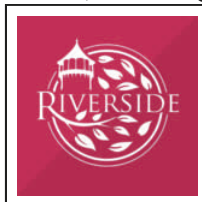
Riverside Alert System



The Village has implemented a new notification system which will eventually replace the Riverside E-flash. The new Riverside Alert System allows residents and business owners to be notified in the event of an emergency and receive other important community news in a variety of ways. This system enables the village to provide critical information quickly in evolving situations such as unexpected road closures, missing persons or evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods; and also allows the village to inform residents of upcoming community events and other timely village news. When you sign up for the Riverside Alert System, you will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify: via voice message on your home, mobile or business phone, by email or by text message. You pick where and how notifications are sent. Please go to the Village Quick Links section of the homepage of the village website and click on Riverside Alert System to enroll and choose your message delivery options.

Riverside Responds

The Village has also implemented a new citizen request management system for reporting information such as property maintenance concerns like tall grass or weeds, a damaged gas lamp or street sign; public safety concerns like traffic enforcement issues or a dangling tree branch. Riverside Responds allows residents and business owners to report an issue that needs attention and track the village's response in real time via an interactive map. Requests can be made public or private at the discretion of the individual making the request. Please go to the Village Quick Links section of the homepage of the village website and click on Riverside Responds to submit a comment or request. Residents can also download the Riverside Responds App for their iPhone or Android mobile device by visiting the iTunes Store or Google Play.



Early Voting / Voting by Mail

The Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016; however, Early Voting is available at select locations in Cook County from Monday, October 24 through Monday, November 7. For Riverside residents, the closest early voting locations are:

Berwyn City Hall, 6700 W. 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402,
Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, and
Stickney-Forest View Public Library, 6800 W. 43rd Street, Stickney, IL 60402.

Although a government issued photo ID is not required for early voting, it is helpful to have on hand if there is a question regarding your registration, address or signature and can help expedite the process. Early voting is done on touch screen modules that store every ballot style in Cook County allowing any voter in suburban Cook County to vote at any early voting location. Anyone wishing to vote early must do so in person.

In addition to Early Voting, any registered voter in suburban Cook County may request a ballot by mail. Mail Ballot Applications are available at the village office or they can be downloaded from the Cook County Clerk's website or completed and submitted online at: <https://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com/>. In order to complete the application online, you will need the following information: your driver's license or state ID number; the last four digits of your Social Security Number; the address where you would like your ballot mailed; and an email address.

Completed Mail Ballot applications must be mailed to the Cook County Clerk's office at the address on the application. The Cook County Clerk will verify your registration, process your application and mail a paper ballot to the mailing address you designate on your application. The deadline to apply is five days before the election.



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 Burlington Streetscape & Street Resurfacing Project is almost complete!
Please shop and dine locally and enjoy the new streetscape.
The resurfacing of Longcommon Road and East Quincy Street will be next.
This work should be completed by Thanksgiving!***

Sewer Rate Increase

At their September 15 Regular Meeting, the Village Board voted to increase the sewer rate. Effective November 1, 2016, the fee will increase from \$1.25 per unit of water consumed to \$1.75 per unit of water consumed. The sewer billing rate was last increased in December 2002, when the rate was increased from \$.65 per unit of water consumed to \$1.25 per unit of water consumed. The existing rate has remained unchanged for 13 years. The total combined rate for water and sewer will increase from \$10.59 to \$11.09 per unit. The average annual increase per residential account is estimated to range between \$45 and \$60. This is based on an average consumption of 15 to 20 units per billing cycle (every two months). The increase in the per unit sewer rate is needed to raise funds to pay for the continued maintenance of the village's sewer system.

Holiday Schedule

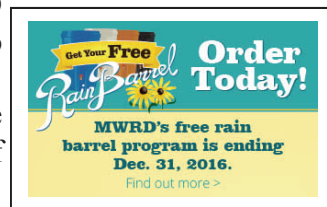
The village office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Flood Brothers will collect refuse, recycling and yard waste in Riverside on Friday, November 25. The final date for Yard Waste Collection will be Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Free Rain Barrel Program to End Soon

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's free rain barrel program has been very popular. More than 65 municipal and community partners have worked with the MWRD to distribute more than 120,000 rain barrels to residents of Cook County with all costs absorbed by the MWRD. The demand for rain barrels has cultivated a newfound understanding and appreciation for managing water in addition to providing the MWRD with an opportunity to provide many communities with a new tool to combat flooding and promote conservation.

Effective December 31, 2016, the MWRD will discontinue the free rain barrel program and will return to its prior program of selling rain barrels at cost on the MWRD's website, www.mwrdd.org.

The village will continue to accept free rain barrel orders on behalf of MWRD through December 31, 2016. If you've been thinking about requesting a rain barrel, do not delay! Rain Barrel Intake forms are available at the village office and on the village website. Residents who order rain barrels this fall should expect a lag time in delivery of three to four months. Residents who are already using rain barrels are reminded to disconnect, drain and store their rain barrels inside during Winter per the manufacturer's instructions. Rain barrels will crack if not stored properly. Please visit the Rain Barrel page of the MWRD website to download installation instructions, proper care notes, and specifications.



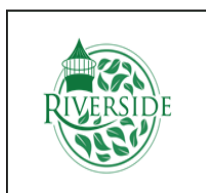
10th Annual 1000 Tree Planting Project

Join your friends and neighbors for the 10th Annual 1000 Tree Planting Project on Saturday, November 19. Volunteers should meet at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside Road at 10:00 a.m. for a brief lecture on how to plant tree seeds. Following the lecture, volunteers are divided into teams which fan out across Riverside to plant tree seeds in the village's natural areas along the Des Plaines River from the Swim Club to the Scout Cabin to the Library. Each team receives 100 native tree seeds, a map illustrating their specific planting assignment and the custom made tools they'll need for their task.

When the teams are done planting their seeds, they return to the church for a hot chili dinner. This is a fun, rewarding and easy project. Native Illinois tree seeds do not require large holes. Only small holes are needed for planting. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and all participants should wear warm clothes, gloves, boots and a hat, or whatever outerwear is appropriate for the day's weather. All are welcome!

The Village of Riverside thanks lifelong resident Tom Sisulak, Village Forester Michael Collins, Joseph "Standing Bear," Schranz, Ojibwe, and the Riverside United Methodist Church for their unwavering support of this important reforestation effort.

New Village Logo and Website Coming Soon



In the coming months, the village will unveil a new logo and website. The purpose of both the logo and website is to convey the tranquility, rich architectural heritage and amazing, neighborly small town feel that is Riverside. The website will be user friendly and will allow residents and visitors easy access to the information they're looking for. Watch for these exciting updates!