

Riverside Review

December 2012 / January 2013

Village of Riverside

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Library 708-442-6366
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Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**December 3, December 17
January 7, January 22**

Commission Meetings

December 2012

06 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
10 Cable Comm., 7:30
11 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:30
17 Parks & Rec. Comm., 7:00
18 Plan Commission 7:30
20 Police Adjudication, 6:00
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

January 2013

03 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30
08 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
10 Preservation Comm., 7:30
14 Cable Commission, 7:30
15 Plan Commission, 7:30
17 Police Adjudication, 6:00
22 Historical Comm., 7:00
28 Parks & Rec. Comm., 7:00
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Please call 708-447-2700
ext. 254 to confirm the
meeting you wish to attend.



For more
Information,
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Way Finding Signs

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has installed cultural destination signs along Interstate 55 and the north/south Harlem Avenue exit ramps directing motorists to Riverside. Placement of the signs was due to a collaborative effort between Riverside Village President Michael Gorman, Illinois State Senator Martin Sandoval and IDOT.

2013 Holiday Schedule for Village Offices

Village offices will be closed on the following days in 2013: New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1; Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21; Spring Holiday, Friday, March 29, Memorial Day, Monday, May 27; Independence Day, Thursday, July 4; Labor Day, Monday, September 2; Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29; and Christmas Holiday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25.

Refuse collection will be delayed by one day due to the following holidays in 2013:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Please note that refuse collection will not be affected by the following holidays in 2013: Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

Yard waste collection will resume on Tuesday, April 2 and end on Tuesday, November 25, 2013.

Please visit the **Village Quick Links** section on the homepage of the village website for a complete listing of Village Board and Commission Meetings for 2013. The public is welcome at all open meetings.

Parks & Recreation Winter Happenings

Once again, the Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the "Big Chill Crew" and the Riverside Junior Woman's Charity for their support. Without the financial assistance and volunteer efforts of these two groups, the ice rink in Big Ball Park would not be possible. Weather permitting, the hours for skating will be from 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Please be courteous of other skaters and residents who live near the park. The color coded flag system will be used again this year to signify ice conditions. A red flag means the surface is not suitable for skating and the rink is closed. The green flag means that skaters are welcome!



Winter sledding at the Swan Pond continues to be a favorite activity of many Riverside residents. The Parks and Recreation Department asks that everyone observe the following general rules when sledding.

- Never walk up the middle of the hill. Use the sides!
- Maintain control of your sled or tube at all times.
- Be alert for others around you, especially younger children.
- Report any unsafe conditions to the Parks & Recreation Department by calling 442-7025. If you are calling during non-business hours, please call the Riverside Police Department non-emergency number at 447-2127.
- Please sled in designated areas only.

Snow Removal

During the snow and ice season, it is the goal of the Public Works Department to maintain Village roadways at bare pavement condition curb-to-curb in order to ensure delivery of emergency services and provide access to the motoring public. The department will begin plowing all major arterial streets when salt is no longer providing effective melting and snow has accumulated to a depth of 1 inch. Arterials (main roads that run through the village), the Central Business District, village parking lots, train station platforms and streets near schools will be cleared first. Secondary streets and all other parking lots will be cleared next. Cul-de-sacs, alleys, dead-ends and sidewalks in the CBD will be cleared after that. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 708-442-3590 with questions or concerns about snow plowing.

Please click on the **Recreation Autumn/Winter Brochure** link in the **Village Quick Links** section of the homepage to see all of the Winter offerings!

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.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people can become vulnerable to theft and other crime. The Riverside Police Department wishes everyone a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season. To that end, please follow these common sense holiday safety guidelines and share them with friends and family.

When Driving—Avoid driving alone at night. If you need to shop at night, be sure to park in a well lighted area, as close to your destination as possible. Take note of where you park so you will be able to easily locate your vehicle after shopping. Do not leave packages or other valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. Lock packages in the trunk or place them under a seat. Locate your keys before leaving the store instead of searching for them in the parking lot. Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area. Ask mall or store security to escort you to your vehicle.

When Using an ATM—Choose an ATM located inside a mall or in a well lighted area. Make sure that no one can see you entering your PIN and don't discard your receipt at the ATM. Take it with you.

When Shopping—Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. Dress casually and avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Do not carry a purse or wallet if possible. Instead, carry necessary cash, checks and/or credit cards in a front pocket. Avoid overloading yourself with purchases and beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.

When out with Children—Make sure children know their full name, address and phone number. Children should stay close to parents at all times. Teach your child to ask for help from a store clerk if you become separated while shopping. Children should never be allowed to make unaccompanied trips to public bathrooms and should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

When Away from Home—Put indoor and outdoor lights on timers and leave a radio or television on so the premises look and sound occupied. Do not leave holiday gifts or other expensive belongings near windows or doors where they are easily visible from outside. Always lock doors and keep windows closed and locked. If you're leaving for an extended trip, have a trusted friend or family member watch your house and pick up mail and newspapers while you're away.

When at Home—Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering packages. It is also not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Always ask for identification and only donate to recognized charitable organizations.

Water Rate Increase



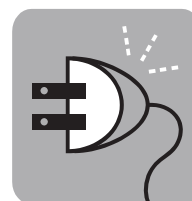
As most residents will recall, the City of Chicago increased the water rate charged to suburban municipalities by 25% in 2012. This rate increase resulted in higher water bills for Riverside residents. At that time, Chicago also announced plans to further increase water rates by 15% annually in 2013, 2014 and 2015. These increases will apply to each of the 130 suburbs that purchase water directly from Chicago or through intermediaries, so residents should expect to see an increase in the water rate on the accompanying bill. Some ways to offset this increase are:

1) Only run the dishwasher and washing machine with a full load. 2) Don't leave water running when washing dishes by hand or cleaning food. Instead, wash dishes or vegetables in a stoppered sink or pan of clean water. 3) Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting water run to cool off. And 4) Check faucets and pipes for leaks frequently.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Home electrical fires claim the lives of 280 Americans annually and most winter fires are electrical. The following electrical fire safety tips are intended to help residents maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace or repair worn or damaged appliance cords immediately.
- Replace or repair any electrical tool that overheats, shorts out, gives off smoke or sparks or causes small electrical shocks.
- When shopping for electrical appliances, look for the UL label. These products have been safety tested by a nationally recognized laboratory.
- Always keep electrical appliance away from wet floors and countertops.
- Keep clothing, curtains and other combustibles at least three feet away from all heat sources.
- Never overload extension cords or wall sockets.
- Immediately shut off any light switches that are hot to the touch and have a licensed electrician replace them.



Tune in to Riverside TV to watch Village Board Meetings!

Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 6 at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. DVDs of meetings are also available for check out at the Riverside Public Library.