

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30

February 1

February 15

March 1

March 15

Commission Meetings

February 2010

04 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am
04 Econ. Dev. Comm., 7:30
08 Cable Commission, 7:30
09 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00
09 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
11 Preservation Comm., 7:30
16 Plan Commission, 7:30
18 Police Adjudication, 6:30
22 Parks & Rec Bd., 7:00
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*Please call 708-447-2700 x 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.

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

Census 2010 - Sample Form Online

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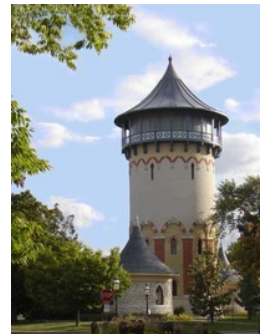
As you probably know, the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. Census 2010 will be a short form consisting of a few simple questions and will be mailed in March 2010. It is to everyone's advantage to cooperate with census workers and return the survey.

Census data is used in many ways, including, importantly, to determine representation in Congress and the state legislature. It is also used to determine re-allocation of funds collected by the state, such as motor fuel tax for road maintenance. This could mean \$1,200 in additional revenue per person counted. Thus, **it is vitally important that EVERY person living in Riverside be counted.** Please completely fill out the survey and return it as prescribed. If you don't mail back the form, you may receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions from the form. Remember, any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

A preview of the 2010 Census Form is available online at the U.S. Census Bureau website and may be accessed via the Village of Riverside website at www.riverside.il.us.

Significant Water Main Project to Begin

The Village is very pleased to announce that the antiquated Northgate water main, along with significant amounts of other water mains in the Village, will be replaced in a large project set to begin this winter. The Village had long planned to replace the 80-year old Northgate water main this year due to the frequency of main breaks it experiences (three in 2008) and poor fire flows, but money recently made available under the Federal American Resource Recovery Act (ARRA) has made it possible for the Village to fund various water main improvements throughout the Village. Specifically, the Village will be able to replace approximately 4,500 feet of existing aged water main with new 8-inch, 10-inch, and 12-inch water main as well as make connections of existing water services to the new water main at various locations and terminate old water mains. The Village has received a 0% interest loan from the ARRA, administered through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) for \$2,450,000, of which nearly \$690,000 of the loan does not need to be repaid. The lowest bid submitted by a contractor to complete the project is \$1,889,220.



The Village Board is excited to take advantage of this wonderful financing opportunity to be able to upgrade a significant amount of the Village's water mains. The 0% interest financing available through the ARRA makes this an ideal time to undertake this large public infrastructure improvement project. The project is estimated to be complete by the end of March 2010.

Water Rate Increase

The Village of Riverside obtains its water supply from Lake Michigan. The water first travels through the City of Chicago water system, then the Village of McCook system, before arriving in Riverside. Effective January 1, 2010, the City of Chicago passed on a third of three scheduled water rate increase of 14% (increases of 15% were implemented in 2008 and 2009). Because of the Chicago increase, the Village of McCook passed along annual increases in its water rates, including a 12.2% increase this year.

To cover the pass-through increases in our water cost and the lower amount of water used by our customers, the Village has increased its rates effective January 1, 2010. Please read the enclosed notice for additional information.

Vehicle Stickers – Limited Amnesty

Just a reminder that vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed for each vehicle that is registered or housed in the Village of Riverside. A limited amnesty program will be forthcoming which will allow residents to notify the Village about any previously unregistered vehicles without incurring prior year penalties. Stickers must be purchased and displayed by July 1 each year. Details to follow!

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.



2010 Riverside Arts Fair

Riverside Arts Fair

Save the dates Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, 2010 for the return of the Riverside Arts Fair to Burlington Street in downtown Riverside. Thousands of visitors from Riverside and the greater Chicago area have attended this event the past two years. It has been a great start to the spring season, allowing residents and visitors to reconnect after the long winter and experience all that our landmark Village has to offer. Volunteers and sponsors are needed to help ensure the success of this event.



Painting by Keri Ippolito

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or a sponsor, please contact the Riverside Economic Development Commission by e-mailing to: RiversideArtsFair@riverside.il.us. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Erin Melloy: emelloy@emevents.com.

New Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Rules

Changes to the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Attorney General Act have all been amended with a new law that went into effect January 1. The changes made to these acts are sweeping and will significantly change the way public bodies, including the Village of Riverside, will respond to requests for information. Notably, the Village now is required to designate a single employee or officer as the FOIA officer and that employee must complete a training course being provided by the Attorney General. For information about the specific changes made to the Act, please see the Village website at www.riverside.il.us, the Illinois Municipal League website at <http://foia.impl.org>, or the Illinois Attorney General's website at <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net>.



Refuse & Recycling Reminder

Most people agree that the new refuse / recycling system is more convenient to use and makes the Village look more attractive on garbage day. However, the system will only work if everyone does it correctly. With that in mind, here are a few reminders about the new cart system:

- Please use the refuse and recycling carts that have been provided! Refuse and recycling carts should be placed at the curb at least three feet away from each other, trees, and other objects. **The container should be placed with the handles and wheels facing your house.**
- Service is now only once a week on Tuesday; Friday service has been discontinued.
- All containers should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday.
- If you have additional material that will not fit in your refuse cart, it may be placed out for collection in garbage cans or heavy duty plastic bags. Those cans and bags must be no larger than 35 gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds.
- If you have additional material for recycling that will not fit in your cart, it may be placed out for collection in recycling bins or paper bags.
- If you regularly have more waste than will fit in your cart, a second refuse cart or a larger cart can be rented through Allied Waste for a small charge. Please call (708) 345-7050 to make arrangements.

Online Safety Tips from the Police Department

Parents: Add Online Safety to the List

- Talk with your children about the benefits and risks of Internet and wireless phone use.
- Ask your children what they do online, what games they play, and what websites they visit.
- Go online with your children. Have them show you what they do online.
- Make a list of any websites you find that you think your children will enjoy, and share the list with them.
- Make a list of any websites you think are inappropriate, and tell your children not to visit them or purchase parental control software from a commercial vendor.
- Agree with your children on rules about what they can and cannot do online, when they can go on the Internet, and how long they can stay.
- Keep the computer in a central area of the house where you can observe your child's behavior.
- Agree to a contract for family cell phone use with your child.
- Ask your children who they visit online and who they email or text.
- Set limits on how many messages or how much money children can spend on their wireless use each month.
- Tell your children never to give out personal information such as their real names, school names, or their address.
- Tell your children never to agree to meet online acquaintances in person.
- Tell your children never to harass anyone online.
- Being bullied online or in a text message is serious; make sure your children know they can come to you for help if this happens to them.
- Tell your children never to send a picture of someone to another person by email or text message without the prior permission of that person.
- Make sure your children know that if anything online or in a text message makes them feel uncomfortable, they can come to you and tell you about it. Or, that if they feel uncomfortable with something they receive online or by text message, or are in trouble because of something that happened online, that they can come to you for help. Remember, your children may need help, and penalties such as removing the computer or restricting access to a wireless device can be counterproductive. If your children come to you, listen to them and don't judge them.

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