



Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

December 1, December 15
January 5, January 19

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

December 2016

08 Preservation Comm., 7:00
12 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
12 Planning and Zoning 7:00
15 Police Adjudication, 6:00

January 2017

09 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
10 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
12 Economic Development, 7:00
16 Historical Commission, 7:00
18 Safe Environment, 7:00
19 Police Adjudication, 6:00
23 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
25 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

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

For more
information,
please visit
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Thank You and Happy Holidays!

The Village Board of Trustees, Village Manager and the entire village staff thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents in service to the community in 2016. Whether you volunteered at Riverside Arts Weekend, during the Independence Day festivities, at the Farmers' Market, as a youth sports coach or at one of the many, many landscape work days, we thank you for your efforts to make Riverside the special community that we know and love. The Village Board and staff thank all volunteers for their service to the community and wish all residents and business owners a safe and happy holiday season and a Joyful 2017! Village offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 & Monday, January 2.

New Village Website Coming Soon!

The Village of Riverside will launch a new and improved website in December. We hope you will find it easy to navigate and full of helpful information.

Holiday Safety

The Riverside Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season. In order to protect yourself and your neighbors, report suspicious activity immediately and follow these tips to stay safe.

When Driving—Avoid driving alone at night. If you need to shop at night, be sure to park in a well lit area close to your destination. 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 lit 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 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.

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. Most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Packages left unattended are an attractive target for thieves, and Riverside has experienced this type of criminal activity in the prior years. In order to prevent package theft:

- Consider adding a signature requirement to deliveries.
- Use a premium package control program. Both UPS and FedEx allow recipients to schedule delivery times or specify a delivery window.
- Have packages delivered to the Post Office and pick them up there.
- Have packages delivered to a friend who works from home.
- Have packages delivered to your office if your employer permits this.
- If you're at home, watch for the delivery truck. Sometimes the delivery person does not ring the doorbell.
- If you experience a theft, file a police report and notify your credit card company immediately.

Finally, please call the Riverside Police Department at 708-447-2127 if you witness suspicious activity or dial 911 in an emergency.

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.



Veterans Gold Star Memorial Update

Riverside American Legion Post 488 is seeking donations to improve the Gold Star Memorial in Guthrie Park. The 4,000 pound KIA memorial stone needs a concrete footing for stability. The World War I Memorial stones need to be cleaned and reset. The area is also in need of landscaping. Anyone wishing to make a donation toward restoration of this patriotic historic site in Riverside can write a check payable to: "Village of Riverside, Gold Star Memorial". Donations are being accepted at the Riverside Village Office.



Additionally, American Legion Post 488 is in possession of Gold Star Certificates for the following service members and is seeking assistance in locating surviving family members: LT John Neal D. Smith, CAPT Keith A. Orsinger, LT Richard Jicka, PFC George D. Bohaty, LT Mark W. Castle, PFC Burt L. Krusger, PFC Donald C. Lundgren, A/C Robert H. MacFarlane, S/SGT Harry P. Martini, A/C Thomas McCue, CPL Jack L. Thatcher, LT Graham Treslor, LT John T. Warner, S/SGT Merls F. Wolfe. Anyone with information on the families of these fallen heroes is asked to call Cathy Haley at the village office. The Legion would like to forward the certificates to surviving family members.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Flood Brothers will collect Christmas Trees for recycling during the first two weeks of January. Please remove all decorations from trees and place them at the curb for collection on FRIDAY, January 6 and Thursday, January 12. Please do not put trees in plastic bags. Trees in bags will not be collected. The first collection of the year will be delayed by one day due to the New Year's Day holiday.

Snow & Ice Control

The Department of Public Works begins snow removal operations by clearing all major arterial streets, the Police, Fire Station and Township Hall parking lots and the Train Depot Platform. Secondary streets and sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of schools and all other parking lots are next. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and remaining sidewalks follow. Major arterial streets are Barrypoint Road, Burling Road, Riverside Road, Lionel Road, Delaplaine Road, East Quincy Street, Cowley Road, southbound Harlem Avenue, Golf Road, Ridgewood Road, Forest Avenue, West Avenue, East Avenue, Pine Street, Woodside Road, DesPlaines Avenue, eastbound 26th Street, Eastbound 31st Street, Longcommon Road, East Burlington Street.

Plow drivers will not begin plowing secondary streets until all major arterial roads are clean and in satisfactory condition. The village is divided into three approximately equal sections with a plow truck and operator assigned to a specific section. The plow truck operators work together to clear the major arterial streets and once these major streets are cleared the operators disburse into their assigned sections. Depending upon the size and nature of the snow event, it may take 3 to 4 hours after the last snow flake has fallen for snow removal operations to be completed.

Residents are reminded that it is a violation of the Riverside Municipal Code to deposit any snow and ice from private premises on any street, alley, sidewalk, parkway, park or public place in the village. The Department of Public Works has taken steps to reduce the amount of rock salt used for snow and ice control by applying a salt brine solution to major arterial streets in advance of a forecasted snow fall. The brine helps prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement which results in faster removal by the plow trucks and reduces the amount of overall rock salt usage. Salt levels in the Des Plaines River watershed spike dramatically during the winter months, degrading the aquatic environment and salt has a generally corrosive effect throughout the natural and manmade environment. The Illinois Pollution Control Board has mandated the reduction of salt use by municipalities.



Parking Fee Increase

Effective January 1, 2017, the cost for commuter parking permits for Lot 1 (adjacent to the Riverside train station) and Lot 8 (along the railroad right-of-way east of the Arcade Building) will increase from \$105 per quarter to \$130 per quarter. In addition, 24-hour residential parking permits for Lot 1, Lot 2 (south side of Pine Avenue), Lot 3 (Park Place) and Lot 4 (north side of Pine Avenue) will increase from \$150 per quarter to \$175 per quarter.

The cost of metered parking in Lot 1 and on-street parking near the train station will increase from \$.35 for two hours to \$.25 per hour. This increase - the first since 2008 - will align our fees with those of neighboring communities along the BNSF railway. The additional revenues derived from these increases will aid in the Village's continuing efforts to explore available financing options to pay for a comprehensive rehabilitation of all of the Village's parking lots.

Parking in blue tagged spaces in Lot 1 will remain free of charge from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday.

Salt Creek Interceptor Update

Work continues on the MWRD Salt Creek Interceptor Relining Project. Progress under Forest Avenue has been slower than expected. Work will continue in Riverside throughout 2017 so please allow extra time for travel on Forest Avenue. Thank you for your patience during this important project.