



Riverside Review

June / July 2017

Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings
*All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)*
June 1, June 15
July 6, July 20

**Advisory Board &
Commission Meetings**

June

08 Preservation Comm., 7:00
12 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
13 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
15 Police Adjudication, 6:00
19 Historical Commission, 7:00
28 Planning and Zoning 7:00

July

10 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
11 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
13 Economic Development, 7:00
17 Historical Commission, 7:00
19 Safe Environment, 7:00
20 Police Adjudication, 6:00
24 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
26 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
www.riverside.il.us.

Construction Updates

The First Division Sewer Separation Project began April 24. The project will include installing new storm sewer (12"-24" diameter), replacing some existing sanitary sewer mains, installing new outfall structures along the Des Plaines River and temporary pavement patching. Work will also include removing and replacing some driveway aprons, installing new water services, sidewalk, curb & gutter and sod restoration. The anticipated completion date for the project is October 6, 2017.

IDOT Resurfacing of Harlem Avenue also began April 24. Daily lane closures will be in place on Harlem Avenue from Interstate 55 to 26th Street in Forest View, Stickney, Lyons, Riverside and Berwyn. The closures will take place during the day and reopen by the evening. Motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment. The project is expected to be completed in Fall 2017.

MWRD Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II – Downtown Riverside The contractor will be working along Riverside Road from just north of the BNSF tracks and continuing south to Miller Road. The 7'x7' sewer that is being rehabilitated flows under Forest Avenue and Riverside Road and receives sanitary sewage flows from sewer systems of all municipalities. This project will improve the structural integrity of their interceptor. Rather than excavation and replacement of these pipes, a process called spray applied lining is being utilized. Work hours for the project will typically be 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday—Friday; however, trucks with specialized equipment and water-heating machinery will need to operate overnight.

The Train Station Roof Replacement Project began May 4 and will proceed in phases. The project will involve the removal, inspection and reuse of up to 60% of the existing clay roof tiles. The roof will then be made water tight and the soffit and fascia will be painted. At times during the project, the west pavilion, west entrance door and parking machine may be inaccessible. Commuters should exercise extra care and caution as they approach and leave the Train Station. Please allow extra time to reach the platform if access is through the Train Station.

The **2017 Street Improvement Program** begins in June. Streets scheduled for resurfacing are Uvedale Road from Selborne Road to Southcote Road, Uvedale Court, Evelyn Road and Northwood Road from Akenside Road to North Delaplaine Road.

Railroad Safety Reminder

Illinois is second in the nation when it comes to miles of railroad tracks and crossings. Riverside has five road and two pedestrian crossings along the two privately owned railroad lines running through the community. This results in heavy train traffic, especially during the morning and evening commute times. **Riverside Police want to emphasize the importance of practicing safe habits in the presence of railroad tracks.**

In 2016, Illinois was third (behind Texas and California) with 120 train versus vehicle collisions resulting in 22 deaths and 43 injuries. Through the advancement of the **Three E's - Engineering, Education, Enforcement**, deaths at railroad crossings have plummeted more than 70% nationwide since 1980.

However, one area that has remained the same over time is the number of deaths and injuries resulting from *trespassing* on railroad property, which accounts for 72% of all railroad related deaths. In 2015, there were 761 fatalities due to trespassing on railroad property. The Riverside Police Department enforces the **No Trespassing to Railroad Property** law and will cite violators.

Accidents at roadway-rail crossings and on railroad property are a real and dangerous problem; however, they are preventable. Please use caution near the railroad tracks at all times. This is especially important with all of the construction in downtown Riverside near the BNSF tracks. Railroad safety is for everyone, not just drivers. By obeying the signs and signals in the area of train tracks, injuries will be prevented and lives will be saved.

Sign Up for Email Notifications Today!

Please visit the new village website at www.riverside.il.us and click on **Connect** to sign up for the **Riverside Alert System**, create an account in **Riverside Responds** or sign up for **Email Notifications** for upcoming meetings and community events.

[Resources for Riverside Seniors](#)

The **Elder Service Unit** of the Riverside Police Department investigates reports of suspected elder abuse, financial exploitation and other crimes relating to seniors. When an elderly person is the victim of a crime or scam, they are sometimes reluctant to report it to the police because they feel embarrassed. Anyone can be taken in by a scam and there is no reason to feel embarrassed. The Riverside Police Department helps victims to the fullest extent possible. To reach the Elder Service Unit, please call: 708-447-2127.

Riverside Township offers opportunities for seniors to stay active and socialize with exercise classes on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Thursday afternoon movies. The township also hosts monthly meetings of the Golden Agers. Durable medical goods like walkers, crutches and bathtub benches are available through the Nurse's Closet and blood pressure screenings are available the 1st Monday of every month. The township also provides notary services, applications for reduced fare RTA cards and handicapped parking placards. Riverside Township also operates a food pantry. For more information on any of these programs or services, please call 708-442-4400.



Aging Care Connections is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of older adults and their families through community-based services that promote dignity, self-respect and independence. The organization offers a comprehensive range of programs and services specifically designed to meet the changing needs of the older adult population. Services offered include: comprehensive care coordination, congregate meals, health & wellness programs, assistance with housekeeping and errands, linkage to home-delivered meals and support groups. For more information, please visit: www.agingcareconnections.org or call 708-354-1323.

Cantata Adult Life Services offers residential and home based services for seniors such as assistance with personal care, housekeeping, transportation, shopping and meal delivery. They also have a Handyman program which provides assistance with home repairs, maintenance and home improvements; and a Home Technology Support program which offers in home support for issues with cable TV, computers, tablets, other electronic devices and phones. Their new Take2 program is changing the way care at home is delivered by providing personalized senior home care that offers scheduled and unscheduled support 24/7 for a fraction of the cost of traditional in-home services. Visit the Cantata website at: www.cantata.org or call them at 708-485-1155 to learn more!

PeopleCare, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides rides to older adults in Riverside Township and surrounding communities. Rides are available to medical appointments, therapy and life-enhancing errands such as going to the bank, hairdresser and grocery shopping. PeopleCare is currently seeking volunteer drivers. Please call 708-442-1223 or email, powerofanhour@peoplecareinc.org, if you are interested or would like more information. Please also visit the PeopleCare website at: www.peoplecareinc.org.

[A Word from the Woods: Mulching 101](#)

The Village Forester wants to remind everyone that excessive mulch piled against the trunk of a tree can be detrimental, even fatal to the tree. Done correctly, mulching is beneficial for trees and shrubs. Mulch reduces water loss from the soil, minimizes weed and turf grass competition for nutrients and water and improves overall soil structure over time. Mulch can also give your landscape an attractive, well-groomed appearance; however, too much mulch can be harmful to trees.



Recommended mulching depth is 2 to 3 inches, but many trees are falling victim to an improper mulching technique known as "volcano mulching," in which mulch is piled up around the base of the tree. When installing mulch, you should create a doughnut shape with that is thick around the perimeter of the tree and tapering to the root flare. Avoid the piling of mulch and any excess soil around the trunk of the tree. This practice actually suffocates tree roots and can create a favorable environment for insects or rodents to damage your tree.

The Department of Public Works will be surveying the village to correct improper mulching on parkway trees this summer. We will drop a door hanger to provide additional information. Please help protect our trees by spreading the word about volcano mulching to your neighbors and contractors. And remember, mulch is free for any Riverside resident to use on their property within the Village! The Department of Public Works welcomes you to pick up free mulch during business hours (M-F 7:30 AM to 4:00PM). If you have questions, please contact Village Forester Michael Collins at (708) 442-3590 to discuss mulching do's and don'ts.

[Time to Renew Vehicle and Pet Licenses](#)

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses for 2017-2018 are now available and must be purchased by June 30 to avoid late fees. New this year, licenses are now required for cats. Proof of a current rabies inoculation is required for cats and dogs. Please visit the **Trending in Riverside** section of the village website for details.