



Riverside Review

June / July 2018

Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings
All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
June 7, June 21
July 5, July 19

**Advisory Board &
Commission Meetings**

June

11 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
12 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
14 Preservation Comm., 7:00
18 Historical Comm., 7:00
21 Code Enforcement, 5:30
21 Police Adjudication, 6:00
27 Planning and Zoning 7:00

July

09 Riverside TV Commission, 7:00
10 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
12 Economic Development, 7:00
16 Historical Commission, 7:00
19 Code Enforcement, 5:30
19 Police Adjudication, 6:00
23 Parks & Recreation, 6:30
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
www.riverside.il.us.

Summer Happenings

Riverside Farmers Market: The Farmers Market returns to Centennial Plaza on Wednesdays! Dates are June 6 through October 10, from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. near the Historic Water Tower, located at 10 Pine Avenue. Vendors for 2018 are: Aunt Diana's Old Fashioned Fudge, Barry's Berries, Bountiful Blessings Farm, Breadman Baking Company, Carey Corn, Chocolate Twist, Fasel Nurseries, Finn's Steak and Eggs Ranch, Fruit Blend Smoothies, Island Soapies, John Bailey Honey, Not Just Cookies, Peaceful Pies, Poundcake Bakery, Resurrection Coffee Company, Rose's Catering, Sharpening by Dave, Tamales Express and Tree City Growers. There will be live music on many afternoons and special programming throughout the season. See you at the Farmers' Market.

Riverside Ride: Join us on Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Mary parking lot for treats and a bike check courtesy of Dan's Bike Shop. The ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. Complete the youth or adult loop and compete in the bike rodeo to enter the raffle for a prize. Helmets are required for all participants.



Independence Day: The annual Independence Day **Concert in the Park** will be held on Tuesday, July 3, in Guthrie Park. The pre-concert ceremonies will start at 5:30 p.m. and Hi Infidelity will take the stage at 7:00 p.m. The annual Independence Day **5K Run** will start at the Historic Water Tower at 7:30 a.m. and the **Parade** will begin at the intersection of Delaplaine & Longcommon near Big Ball Park at 8:45 a.m. The parade will travel down Longcommon Road to downtown Riverside where there will be a community festival featuring live music, an antique car show, fabulous food, friends and family. Join in the fun!

Composting Update

In 2017, the Village and Flood Brothers partnered for a composting pilot program in Riverside. The program started in June and ran concurrently with the yard waste collection season. This year, the program will continue AND Flood Brothers has reduced the cost of the program from \$17.00 to \$14.00 per month. To further reduce the cost of the program, neighbors can share a composting cart.



Recently, the first load of composted material from last year's program was delivered and made available to residents who participated in the pilot program. If you are interested in participating in the composting program, please call the village office or email Cathy Haley at chaley@riverside.il.us.

RPZ Reminder

In order to meet state mandates, the Department of Public Works keeps a list of all residences with underground lawn irrigation systems. By law, any homeowner with underground lawn irrigation is required to have a reduced pressure zone back-flow preventer (RPZ) and have it inspected annually. This inspection ensures that no contaminated water will flow back into the Village's potable water supply. Residents should report their sprinkler systems upon installation. If you need to report your sprinkler system, please call the Department of Public Works at 708-442-3590. If your lawn sprinkler system has been disconnected, please contact the Public Works Department to set up an appointment for a disconnection inspection.

The annual RPZ inspection is required under the State of Illinois Plumbing Code 890.1130 (c), and a certified copy of the report must be filed with the Village of Riverside no later than July 1st of each year. If a copy of the certified report is not received by July 1st, the Public Works Director is authorized and directed to discontinue the water service to the property for violation of this Ordinance. Residents are encouraged to perform regular maintenance of sprinkler systems to avoid waste and maximize water use.

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.

Upcoming Construction Projects

Street Paving and Sidewalk Replacement: The 2018 Street Paving and Sidewalk Replacement Project has begun. Last Summer's First Division Sewer Separation Project required trenching and other excavations of First Division streets. Temporary street patches were installed with the expectation that First Division streets would be completely resurfaced during 2018. By their very nature, temporary street patches are not durable and result in rapidly deteriorating pavement surface and excessive long term maintenance. The 2018 street resurfacing project will include the following roads: Bloomingbank, Coonley, Fairbank, Millbridge and Scottswood. Barrypoint Road will be resurfaced later this year as part of a Surface Transportation Program (STP) project. Due to excessive deterioration, a portion of Fairbank Road will be reconstructed. This is a more complex endeavor than resurfacing. The village will also spend approximately \$100,000 on sidewalk improvements and approximately \$7,500 on thermoplastic pavement markings that will be applied throughout the Village.



Commuter Parking Lot Resurfacing: The Village of Riverside was recently notified by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) that the District has awarded the Village up to \$560,615 toward the conversion of Commuter Parking Lot #1 into a Green parking lot that will include a permeable paver system. Commuter Lot #1 will be resurfaced as a Green parking lot that will include a permeable paver system, a bioswale, rain garden and bio retention system. The existing asphalt surface will be replaced with permeable pavers similar to those found in the Green Parking Lot on East Burlington Street. The pavers will absorb storm water run-off and last longer than asphalt. An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and MWRD will provide the project funding.

Coonley Road Water Main Replacement: The water main along Coonley Road will be replaced this year. The aging pipe is being replaced because it is one of the main water supply lines to the village and the pipe cannot be rehabilitated with pipe lining technologies. The project is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by August.

Metra Pedestrian Improvement Project: The CMAP Plan for Riverside's Central Business District includes a recommendation that the village reconfigure the Longcommon / Riverside Road grade crossing at the BNSF Railroad tracks to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety. Specifically, it recommends shortening the crossing distance between the BNSF tracks and the triangle island south of the tracks. The village was awarded a Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant in September 2017 to fund these improvements which are expected to start in mid September. The project should be completed by December 2018.

Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer Rehabilitation Project: During the final phase of this project in Riverside, Kenny Construction will be working along Riverside Road from just south of the BNSF tracks to Miller Road. The 7'x7' sewer that is being rehabilitated flows under Forest Avenue and Riverside Road. There may also be times when traffic will be restricted on Forest Avenue to accommodate final manhole rehabilitation operations. This intercepting sewer receives sanitary sewage flows from sewer systems in many municipalities. Rather than excavation and replacement of these pipes, a process called spray applied lining is being utilized. This involves pumping a geopolymer material into the sewer and spraying it along the inside of the existing sewer. This process is used in lieu of costly, time-consuming, and disruptive excavation. The geopolymer lining takes up to 5-days to cure. Trucks with specialized equipment and water-heating machinery will need to operate overnight.

Forest Avenue Bridge Lights: This project has been completed! The western gateway to the village is now illuminated.

Fall Soccer Registration



Fall soccer registration is going on now at Riverside Parks and Recreation. Pre-K—2nd Grade has Co-Ed and Girls Only leagues and 3rd—8th Grade is a Travel League. The registration deadline is July 17! Stop by the Parks & Recreation Department in the Historic Water Tower for more information or to register. Online registration is also available.

Water/Sewer Rate Increase

At their May 17 Regular Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees approved an ordinance increasing water and sewer fees effective July 1, 2018. This ordinance was approved in response to a rate increase by the Village of McCook. The Village of Riverside purchases water from the Village of McCook, which in turn purchases water from the City of Chicago. On April 3, 2018, McCook notified Riverside of a 1.81% rate increase. The Village's current water rate of \$9.57 per unit (100 cubic feet) will increase to \$9.74 per unit, an increase of \$.17 per unit or a 1.75% increase. The Village's current sewer rate will increase from \$1.79 per unit to \$1.82 per unit, an increase of \$.03 per unit, or 1.68%.