



Riverside Review

December 2018 / January 2019

Village of Riverside

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Village Clerk
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Village Board Meetings
*All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)*
December 6, December 20
January 3, January 17

**Advisory Board &
Commission Meetings**

December 2018

10 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:00
17 Planning and Zoning 7:00
20 Code Enforcement, 5:30
20 Police Adjudication, 6:00

January 2019

08 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
10 Economic Development, 7:00
14 Riverside TV Commission, 7:00
17 Code Enforcement, 5:30
17 Police Adjudication, 6:00
21 Historical Commission, 7:00
23 Planning and Zoning, 7:00
28 Parks & Recreation, 6:30

Please call 708-447-2700 ext. 254
to confirm the meeting
you wish to attend. For more
information, please visit
www.riverside.il.us.

Thank You for all that you do

The Village President, Board of Trustees and the entire village staff wish to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talent in service to the community in 2018. Community events like Riverside Arts Weekend, the Independence Day 5K, Cruise Nights and the Holiday Stroll, to name a few, would not be possible without the support of volunteers. Recreation programs like soccer and basketball succeed only with the help of volunteer coaches. Landscape workdays throughout the year are instrumental in the upkeep of the village's natural areas. And every resident who serves on a village board or commission provides important input on village issues and priorities. Thank you for all that you do!



Your Village Board and staff wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a joyful new year. Village offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 and on Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day. The village office will also be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Please note that refuse collection will be delayed by one day due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Please note: The only holidays that impact Flood Brothers' refuse collection day are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Refuse will be collected on the normal schedule in all other weeks. Flood Brothers will once again recycle natural Christmas trees during the 1st and 2nd week of January. Trees must be free of decorations and lights in order to be recycled.

Snow Removal Reminders

Snow on Driveway Aprons: No one likes removing snow from the driveway apron only to have the snow plow pass by and push the snow back up onto the apron. The village recommends waiting to remove snow from the driveway apron until the roads have been plowed from curb to curb. There are over 3,300 driveways in the village and there is not enough equipment and personnel to clear snow from driveway aprons. Please do not push snow from driveways out into the street as this can cause hazardous driving conditions.

Fire Hydrants: Please do not pile snow on the parkway near a fire hydrant. Keep fire hydrants near your property clear of snow. This will greatly help firefighters in the event of an emergency.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: Although the village does not have an ordinance mandating that snow be removed from public sidewalks, please be a good neighbor and clear the public sidewalk in front of your property. Doing so helps keep Riverside a walkable community. Clear sidewalks help ensure students walking to and from our local schools and commuters walking to and from the Metra station have a safe passage.

Refuse Collection: Refuse collection can be more difficult during the winter months when there is snow on the ground. The village respectfully requests that all refuse and recycling containers be placed on the driveway apron or parkway adjacent to the street. Please do not put containers in the street as this can create a hazard for drivers and makes snow plowing less efficient.

Assistance with Snow Removal: Please look out for neighbors who may need help with snow removal and offer assistance if possible. "Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change." - Former Nebraska Governor Bob Kerrey.



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.

Celebrate the Sesquicentennial!



The General Plan of Riverside of 1869 is 150 years old. In 1868, the Riverside Improvement Company hired the Olmsted & Vaux Co. to design Chicago's first planned suburb. Frederick Law Olmsted submitted a Preliminary Report to the RIC and then designed the General Plan. Olmsted & Vaux had designed Central Park in New York City and were the most famous Landscape Architectural firm in the United States.

The General Plan of Riverside 1869 is world famous because of its unique design. Of the original 1600 acres of land purchased by the RIC from David Gage, 700 acres were set aside for green space creating a park like setting for the suburb. The best of urban and rural characteristics were incorporated into Olmsted's Plan. The creation of Riverside was "Nature by Design." Residents are the benefactors of the Plan and stewards of this wonderful community. Watch for updates regarding opportunities to celebrate the Olmsted legacy and learn more about the history of our National Landmark Community.

New Look / New Partners for Online Payments

Residents who pay water bills or program registration fees online will notice a new look starting December 3, when the village transitions from E-Pay to JetPay. JetPay will allow residents to create an account and password, save payment information and add multiple payments into one cart. Additionally, the Parks & Recreation Department will begin using WebTrac to process online registrations and payments in January 2019. Residents will be able to view balances and browse upcoming classes in a much more streamlined environment just in time for the start of Winter/Spring recreation programs. With adult fitness classes, youth athletics, interactive early childhood programs, and everything in between, there is definitely something for everyone. Please note: registration for Summer Camps will begin in early February.

Contact Information Needed

Please update the contact information you have on file with the village so staff has a way to reach you in the event of an emergency. Many residents have discontinued their landline phone service and switched to cell phones. Please email the village with your address, current phone number and preferred email address. Current contact information is crucial to timely communication. Emails should be sent to: contactupdate@riverside.il.us.

Rules of the Road Reminders

The Riverside Police Department wishes to remind motorists that they should always be aware of their surroundings, especially when approaching an intersection. According to the Rules of the Road, when more than one driver reaches an intersection, the first driver to stop should be the first to go. When two vehicles stop at an intersection at the same time, the vehicle to the left should always yield to the vehicle on the right. As a motorist, you should be paying attention as you approach an intersection and be cognizant of who was there first so you know when it is your turn to proceed. Stopping quickly and then proceeding through the intersection without regard for other drivers or pedestrians is discourteous and dangerous.

Stop signs and stop lights are not rest areas for checking cell phone calls and messages. Doing this inevitably leads to a distracted driver stopped at a green light holding up traffic. Please wait until you arrive at your destination to check your phone!

A final reminder regarding the intersection of Des Plaines Avenue and 31st Street: Northbound drivers on Woodside Road need to be aware that oncoming cars may be turning left onto N. Delaplaine or Akenside Road and they do not have a stop sign. That being said, Southbound drivers making the turn onto Delaplaine or Akenside should ALWAYS use their left turn signal so oncoming traffic knows what to expect.

What has Changed in Your 2018 Village Property Tax Levy

Each December the Village adopts a property tax levy to fund general village operations including public safety, street maintenance and administration. The Village's total 2018 property tax levy increased 5.07%. This includes a 2.1% increase due to the Consumer Price Index, a 2.5% estimated increase for new property and a new additional tax levy to fund participation in the West Suburban Special Recreation Association. The effect of the Special Recreation tax levy is approximately \$7.55 per \$100,000 in home value.

The Village receives approximately 15% of your property tax payment. For more information on how your property tax bill is calculated and distributed through all your taxing bodies please visit: <http://riverside.il.us/260/Finance>.