



Riverside Review

February / March 2019

Village of Riverside

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Riverside, IL 60546
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www.riverside.il.us

Community Dev. 708-447-1241
Fire Admin. 708-447-2123
Parks & Rec. 708-442-7025
Police Admin. 708-447-2127
Public Works 708-442-3590
Museum 708-447-2542
Library 708-442-6366
WC3 708-853-1384

EMERGENCY 911

Flood Brothers 630-261-0400
ComEd 800-334-7661
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Village President

Benjamin Sells

Board of Trustees

Joseph Ballerine
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Douglas Pollock
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Village Manager

Jessica Frances

Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

(unless otherwise noted)

February 7, February 21

March 7, March 21

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

February 2019

11 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
12 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
12 Bd. of Police & Fire, 7:00
14 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 a.m.
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

March 2019

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

Riverside by the Numbers 2018

The Riverside Board of Trustees and Village Staff work hard to ensure the wise use of your tax dollars and provide the high level of service residents expect and deserve in an efficient manner. The following statistics provide a recap of the village's accomplishments in 2018.

VILLAGE BOARD

- ◆ 21 meetings held
- ◆ 67 resolutions approved
- ◆ 30 ordinances enacted
- ◆ 9 commissions
- ◆ 50 resident commissioners

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 11,208 calls for service
- ◆ 309 crash reports
- ◆ 43 felony arrests
- ◆ 211 misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 76 DUI arrests
- ◆ 324 compliance tickets issued
- ◆ 1,950 parking tickets issued
- ◆ 341 traffic enforcement details

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 1,607 incident responses
- ◆ 847 fire related responses
- ◆ 760 EMS/medical responses
- ◆ 4.4 incidents – average daily call volume
- ◆ 10 school visits by Public Education Division
- ◆ 2073 students and 300 staff members educated about fire safety
- ◆ 12 CPR classes with 76 students in attendance

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 624 children enrolled in youth sports like soccer and basketball
- ◆ 171 volunteers at events and programs
- ◆ 176 programs offered
- ◆ 15 special events
- ◆ 73 Scout Cabin rentals
- ◆ 5,340 total program enrollments

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

- ◆ 81 business licenses issued
- ◆ 253 FOIA requests fulfilled
- ◆ 11 liquor licenses issued
- ◆ 541 pet tags issued
- ◆ 5,541 vehicle licenses issued
- ◆ \$8,121,297 in grants received

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 8 new business openings
- ◆ 1,755 inspections
- ◆ 814 building permits issued
- ◆ 58 property maintenance citations issued
- ◆ 167 property maintenance cases closed
- ◆ 131 property maintenance inspections
- ◆ 26 resident initiated inspections/complaints
- ◆ 105 staff initiated inspections
- ◆ 3 façade improvement grants awarded
- ◆ 3 permits for keeping hens renewed

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 2.5 miles of streets resurfaced
- ◆ 90% water system accountability achieved
- ◆ 350 feet of 4-inch water main replaced with 8-inch water main
- ◆ \$125,000 of sidewalk repairs/replacements completed
- ◆ 12 traffic calming devices installed
- ◆ 4 new lamp posts installed on Forest Avenue Bridge
- ◆ 130 street signs replaced
- ◆ 2 railroad platforms rehabilitated
- ◆ 60 storm water catch basins cleaned
- ◆ 15 water system repairs completed
- ◆ 14 large diameter water meters tested
- ◆ 4 sewer system repairs completed
- ◆ 83 hydrants flushed
- ◆ 1,000+ work orders completed
- ◆ 1,700 JULIE locates completed
- ◆ 39 trees planted
- ◆ 1,200 trees trimmed
- ◆ 110 trees removed
- ◆ 8000+ public tree inventory data updated using forestry grant funding
- ◆ 14th consecutive year of Tree City USA designation
- ◆ 100 feet of mortar repaired/replaced in Swan Pond wall

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.

New Pay-by-Phone Number for Water/Sewer Bills & Citations

There is a new phone number for calling in water bill or police citation payments: **1-855-895-2537**. The Finance Department would also like to remind residents that the village offers automatic water bill payment withdrawals by means of direct debit through either a checking or savings account. The form to sign up for this option is available on the village website or by calling the office and requesting that a form be mailed. Also, if you'd prefer not to receive a printed copy of your water/sewer bill, you can sign up for e-billing and receive your current water bill through a designated email address.

Celebrate the Sesquicentennial!

The creation of Riverside was "Nature by Design." The General Plan of Riverside 1869 is world famous because of its unique design and it is 150 years old! Many events have been planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the General Plan of Riverside. Visit the village website for details.

All About the Environment & Recycling

On January 1, 2012, the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act went into effect in the State of Illinois. The Act states: "In 2007, 3,000,000 tons of electronics products became obsolete yet only 14% were recycled." In addition to being the fastest growing source of solid waste and consuming valuable landfill space, electronics contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium and beryllium which can cause illness and environment damage. When electronic items are recycled, energy and natural resources can be conserved through refurbishment and reuse as raw materials. The following electronic items are banned from landfills and must be recycled:

Televisions	Digital Video Disc Players	Video Game Consoles
Monitors	Small Scale Servers	Scanners
Printers	Electronic Mice	Digital Converter Boxes
Electronic Keyboards	Cable TV Receivers	Videocassette Recorders (VCRs)
Facsimile Machines	Satellite Receivers	Portable Digital Music Players
Computers (laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet, desktop)		

The Riverside Department of Public Works, 3860 Columbus Blvd., hosts a self-serve drop-off site for the electronic items listed above for residents of Riverside and Lyons. The two villages share the cost of the program. The electronic materials are collected by Flood Brothers periodically and transported to an electronics recycling center.

The items listed above are the only items collected at the drop-off site for electronics recycling. Items such as microwave ovens, vacuums cleaners, hair dryers, household chemicals, audio speakers, humidifiers, yard decorations, etc., are not collected at the electronics drop-off site and should be included with regular refuse or otherwise properly disposed of.

Sadly, residential recycling is more highly contaminated with non-recyclable garbage than ever before. Reports from sorting facilities indicate a contamination rate of 25% - 35%. This weighs down sorting facilities, reduces commodity prices, affects remanufacturing markets, and increases costs for local governments and ultimately residents. To address the increase in recycling contamination, a state task force was formed to develop simple, cohesive recycling guidelines to help residents better understand what items should and should not be placed in recycling carts.

The following items should be recycled: steel and aluminum containers and aluminum foil, flattened cardboard boxes, office paper, newspapers and magazines, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, tubs, jugs and jars. All containers must be empty and clean. Aluminum foil and cans must be clean. The village has hand outs available at the office for residents who would like to have something to post on the refrigerator as a reminder. Information is also available on the village website.

For additional guidance on how to recycle or safely dispose of various items, please consult the following resources:

- ◆ Flood Brothers Disposal/Recycling Services— <https://floodbrothersdisposal.com/what-recycle>;
- ◆ Earth 911—<https://earth911.com/>;
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity ReStore—<https://www.habitat.org/restores>;
- ◆ Illinois EPA—<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>; and
- ◆ Live Green Recyclebank—<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/>.

Please note that items eligible for recycling vary from region to region so the best source for everyday recycling information in Riverside is Flood Brothers.

Additionally, Flood Brothers and the Village have partnered to offer residents a composting program which runs in conjunction with the yard waste collection schedule. Please call the village office for details. Participation is optional.