



Riverside Review

April / May 2022



Village of Riverside

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Riverside, IL 60546
708-447-2700
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
Library 708-442-6366
Museum 708-447-2542
WC3 Dispatch 708-853-1384
Pay-by-Phone 844-937-0132

EMERGENCY 911

Flood Brothers 630-261-0400
ComEd 800-334-7661
Nicor 888-642-6748

Village President
Joseph Ballerine

Board of Trustees
Megan Claucherty
Cristin Evans
Alexander Gallegos
Edward Hannon
Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga
Douglas Pollock

Village Manager
Jessica Frances

Village Clerk
Ethan Sowl

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

April

10 Board of Fire & Police, 7:00
11 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
12 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
14 Preservation Comm., 7:00
18 Historical Comm, 7:00
21 Code Enforcement, 5:15
21 Police Adjudication, 6:00
25 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
27 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

May

09 Riverside TV Commission, 7:00
10 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
12 Police Pension Board, 7:00
10 Economic Development, 7:00
16 Historical Commission, 7:00
19 Code Enforcement, 5:15
19 Police Adjudication, 6:00
23 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
25 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

Please check the meeting calendar on the village website for meetings you wish to attend.



Riverside by the Numbers 2021

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 2021. Please note that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many village programs were modified in accordance with public health guidelines.

VILLAGE BOARD

- ◆ 21 Village Board meetings held
- ◆ 62 resolutions approved
- ◆ 31 ordinances enacted
- ◆ 11 commissions
- ◆ 67 resident commissioners
- ◆ 75 commission and advisory board meetings

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 8,670 calls for service
- ◆ 245 vehicle/crash reports
- ◆ 37 felony arrests
- ◆ 143 misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 59 DUI arrests
- ◆ 347 compliance tickets issued
- ◆ 1,636 parking tickets issued
- ◆ 99 traffic enforcement details

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 1614 incident responses
- ◆ 728 fire related responses
- ◆ 886 EMS/medical responses
- ◆ 191 Building inspections by Fire Prevention Bureau
- ◆ 6 school visits by Public Education Bureau

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

- ◆ 73 business licenses issued
- ◆ 296 FOIA requests fulfilled
- ◆ 15 liquor licenses & 3 daily liquor permits issued
- ◆ 643 pet tags issued
- ◆ 5,108 vehicle licenses issued
- ◆ 226 Truck licenses & 103 Motorcycle licenses issued
- ◆ 746 Residential & Commuter Parking Permits issued
- ◆ 359 Business Parking Permits issued
- ◆ 264,145 Units of water billed
- ◆ 3,096 Utility bill accounts maintained
- ◆ 160 W2 Forms & 39 1099 Forms issued
- ◆ 38 New hires processed
- ◆ 33 Special Event Permits processed
- ◆ 16 Block Party Permits processed
- ◆ 322 E-flashes sent & 124 Trending Topics added to Village website
- ◆ \$807,820 in grants awarded

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 5 new business openings
- ◆ 1,558 inspections completed
- ◆ 835 building permits issued
- ◆ 17 property maintenance citations issued
- ◆ 146 property maintenance cases closed
- ◆ 28 property maintenance inspections in progress

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 1,610 JULIE Locates Completed
- ◆ 1,516 Work Orders Completed
- ◆ 176,000 lbs. of Debris Removed from Village Roads via the Street Sweeper
- ◆ 27,000 LF. of Crack Sealing Applied to Village Roads
- ◆ 21,402 Sq. Ft. of New Exposed Aggregate Sidewalk Installed (Swan Pond, Swim Club)
- ◆ 8,325 Sq. Ft. of Damaged Exposed Aggregate Sidewalk Replaced
- ◆ 11 Water Distribution System Leaks Repaired
- ◆ 9 Sewer System Repairs
- ◆ 16 Street Patches Completed
- ◆ 81 Trees Planted
- ◆ 1,532 Trees Trimmed
- ◆ 95 Damaged or Diseased Trees Removed
- ◆ 455 Volunteer Hours Overseen by Staff
- ◆ 88 Gas Lamps Repaired
- ◆ 50 Gas Lamps Painted (Boy Scout Project)
- ◆ 430 Hydrants Labeled for Reflectivity and Flow (Boy Scout Project)
- ◆ 17th Consecutive Tree City USA Designation Received

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 580 youth sports participants
- ◆ 120 volunteers at events and programs
- ◆ 234 programs/classes offered
- ◆ 9 special events
- ◆ 35 facility rentals
- ◆ 3,674 total program enrollments
- ◆ \$9,910 in facility rental revenue
- ◆ 11 WSSRA Participants enrolled in 42 programs
- ◆ 110 Before/After School Program participants

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.

Vehicles, Cats and Dogs

Vehicle sticker and pet license renewals will be mailed to residents in May and must be renewed by June 30 to avoid late fees. Residents are strongly encouraged to renew online, by phone or by mail rather than coming into the Village office to renew in person. Hover over the "PAY" link on the homepage to select the appropriate pay option and start your online transaction. You may also leave your paperwork and a check in the silver lock box in front of the Village office or mail in your paperwork and payment. If you have any changes to the vehicle or pet information on your invoice, please follow the prompts online or make corrections on your form if you mail in your payment. We will mail your stickers and tags to you, even if you come into the office to pay.

Looking to Seal your Driveway soon? Avoid PAHs

Next time you seal your asphalt driveway please consider choosing an acrylic, latex or asphalt emulsion instead of a coal tar one. Coal tar contains high levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, PAH compounds have been proven to be carcinogenic, mutagenic, and teratogenic (causes birth defects) to humans.

The best way homeowners can protect their family and pets is by choosing PAH free driveway sealant (there are acrylic or latex based PAH free alternatives) or a low PAH level option such as asphalt-based sealant. If you are considering a new driveway, permeable pavers or concrete are the best options as they do not require these sealants.

Annually, the Village of Riverside conducts roadway maintenance. One form of roadway maintenance is called pavement rejuvenation. Pavement rejuvenation revitalizes and seals the asphalt which helps to prolong its life expectancy. When communicating with contractors that apply pavement rejuvenators, staff is committed to ensuring that coal tar is not used in the rejuvenation process.

For more information please visit: <https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/water-resources/science/coal-tar-based-pavement-sealcoat-pahs-and-environmental>. Read the complete article on coal tar sealants on the Riverside website: <https://www.riverside.il.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2955>



Door-to-Door Solicitation in Riverside

As the weather warms it is important to be aware of the Village's door-to-door solicitation policy. Soliciting door to door is not allowed without a permit. Any organization, both charitable and commercial, wishing to solicit or hand out flyers must first register with the Village. Commercial organizations pay a \$50 fee and solicitation is limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No commercial solicitation is allowed on Sundays and holidays. Charitable solicitation are permitted to solicit 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to sunset.



Registration forms are available at Village Hall. The Village also publishes the names of organizations that are approved to solicit on its website under Trending Topics.

If you encounter someone going door-to-door who cannot show you their permit, please contact police dispatch at (708) 447-9191. "NO SOLICITORS INVITED" stickers are also available at the Village office.

Household Hazards, Recycling and Shredding Event

The Village of Riverside and Flood Brothers are partnering to help residents dispose of household hazards on Saturday, May 21. The Household Hazards, Recycling and Shredding event will be held at the Riverside Public Works Facility, located at 3860 Columbus Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per household and 10 fluorescent bulbs per household. Business waste will not be accepted. Please do not mix waste streams. For the complete list of acceptable items to recycle, visit www.riverside.il.us.

The 2022 Yard Waste Collection Season begins on Thursday, March 31st!

Spring Special Events in Riverside!

April 9 - Parks and Recreation Egg Hunt at Big Ball Park (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

April 26 - Frederick Law Olmsted Birthday at Riverside Train Station (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)

May 21 - Household Hazards, Recycling & Shredding Event at Riverside Public Works (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

June 3 - Salsa & Salsa Party Riverside Public Library, Parking Lot in between Library and Township Hall (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) - Register on the Library's website here: <https://riversidelibrary.libcal.com/event/8080081>