



### Village of Riverside

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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

Douglas Pollock

### Board of Trustees

Megan Claunchery

Cristin Evans

Alexander Gallegos

Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga

Jill Mateo

### Village Manager

Jessica Frances

### Village Clerk

Ethan Sowl

### Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.  
(unless otherwise noted)

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

### Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

#### October

- 09 Riverside TV Comm 7:00 pm
- 10 Landscape Adv Com 7:00 pm
- 12 Preservation Comm 7:00 pm
- 16 Historical Com 7:00 pm
- 23 Parks & Rec Bd 7:00 pm
- 25 Plan & Zoning Comm 7:00 pm

#### November

- 08 Economic Dev Comm 7:00 pm
- 09 Police Pension Bd 8:00 am
- 14 Landscape Adv Com 7:00 pm
- 20 Historical Comm 7:00 pm
- 27 Parks & Rec Bd 7:00 pm
- 29 Plan & Zoning Comm 7:00 pm

Please check the calendar on the Village website for any meetings you wish to attend.

## Village Board Update

At the conclusion of the Village Board of Trustees meeting on September 21, 2023, Village President Joseph Ballerine tendered his resignation as Village President, effective immediately. President Ballerine previously announced his resignation at the July 20, 2023 Village Board of Trustees meeting as he and his wife Donna are moving out of state. The Village wishes President Ballerine the best in his next adventure and extends our deepest gratitude for his dedicated service and unwavering commitment to Riverside. Since moving to Riverside in 1988, President Ballerine worked tirelessly to make Riverside a better place and his efforts did not go unnoticed. President Ballerine honorably served the Village periodically since 1997 as a member of the Village Board of Trustees, Parks and Recreation Board and Economic Development Commission, culminating in his election as Village President in 2021.

In a seamless transition, the Village Board acted swiftly upon Ballerine's resignation to appoint Village Trustee Douglas Pollock as Village President (pictured). The vote in support of Pollock's appointment was unanimous. Pollock then resigned his post as Trustee. Pollock assumed the role of Village President as the longest tenured Trustee, serving since his election in 2013. The Village is excited to welcome Pollock into the role of Village President and to continue serving the amazing community of Riverside.



## Fall Reminders

**Halloween** is Tuesday, October 31st. Hours for trick-or-treating will be from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Halloween. The Village will have signs available on the Village website for download and in Village Hall for display to indicate whether your household is participating in trick-or-treating.

The **final yard waste collection** for 2023 will be Thursday, November 30th. Residents may place leaves in yard waste bags or personal cans marked "landscape" for collection every week until November 30th.

**Do not rake leaves into the street.** Riverside is known as "The Village in the Forest" due to the stately trees that grace both public lands and private property. During Autumn, leaves dropping from these trees sometimes find their way into the Village's combined sewer system, where they can clog catch basins. Please refrain from raking or blowing fallen leaves into the street as this is illegal. This applies to both homeowners and lawn services. Leaves should be properly disposed with regular yard waste collection.

**Village offices will be closed** in observance of Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10th and for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

## Pumpkin Composting is Back!

Flood Brothers will place a dumpster in the Riverside Foods parking lot on Monday, November 6th. Halloween pumpkins can be dropped off until noon on Monday, November 13th. All non-compostable decorative items such as felt, glitter and plastic should be removed from pumpkins before they are put in the dumpster.

## Sign Up For Email Notifications Today!

Sign up for the **Riverside Alert System**, sign up for **Email Notifications** for upcoming meetings and community events, or create an account in **Riverside Responds** at [www.riverside.il.us/connect](http://www.riverside.il.us/connect).

## Changes to Building Permit Requirements

The Village Board recently approved modifications to building permit requirements, aiming to enhance efficiency and streamline processes. A key update includes removal of the \$500 minimum project value as a threshold for requiring a permit. With the removal of this requirement, permits are now required based upon work type. The following clarifications apply to minor repairs, including electrical and plumbing work:



- Installations of storm doors, storm windows and screens, window glazing, and replacement of the same-size entry doors and garage doors are exempt from new permits. Any changes to door size, and any standard window replacement still requires a permit and inspection. Exterior replacements and repairs to landmarked properties require a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- Minor residential electrical work such as replacement of lamps or electrical fixtures including lights, outlets and switches that do not involve or require installation, replacement or rearrangement of wiring or circuits is exempt from new permits. Any rewiring, upgrades in service, or work that opens the wall requires a permit with inspections.
- Plumbing leaks can be fixed and minor residential plumbing repair work is allowed as long as repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures. In addition to toilets, replacement of sinks and showerheads are allowed without a permit.
- Under special circumstances for certain project types, the Village is allowed to conduct an inspection virtually if it can reasonably determine that work completed is compliant with required building codes and ordinances. Most work will continue to be inspected in-person but a few types of projects, such as a roof installation or window replacements, are covered up with shingles or window frames before a final inspection takes place. Replacement of a final inspection with photos or video showing required materials can better demonstrate that the correct materials were installed and reduce the need to schedule additional visits to the home.

More information about permits can be found on the Village website: <https://www.riverside.il.us/240/Building-Permits> Stay tuned for further updates as we work towards enhancing your experience with the Village building permit process.

## Shenstone Road Reconstruction and Utility Improvements Project

The Village's annual capital road project is underway. The scheduled work involves the replacement of the existing water main, water services, fire hydrants, and valves on Shenstone Road. For residences with a lead service line, the water service replacement work includes installation of a new water service line from the buffalo box into the home of each affected property in accordance with the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. The project also includes the replacement of the existing combined sewer with a larger one that will add additional stormwater capacity to the system between Delaplaine Road and Blythe Road as well as the upstream tributary areas. The project will conclude with the full pavement reconstruction of Shenstone Road, upgrading of all intersection sidewalk ramps to achieve ADA compliance and replacement of various sidewalk squares as identified by the Public Works Department.



Throughout the duration of the project, Shenstone Road will be closed to thru traffic and no parking will be allowed on the street. Please adhere to any No Parking signs that are posted within the limits of the project as well as permanent parking restrictions.

**The anticipated completion date for the project is November 17th.** The Village will continue to update residents via E-Flash, social media, and the Construction Updates webpage on the Village website.

## Parks & Recreation News

Riverside Parks & Recreation's Fall/Winter 2023 Brochure is out now! Be sure to check out the awesome programs and events that the Parks & Recreation Department has for you. From our ever popular Youth Basketball League to Adult Water Coloring and much more in between, we're sure you can find something you'll love! Don't forget to register for our Haunted Drive Thru and Great Puzzle Race 2, as these events require registration. Upcoming events include the Trunk or Treat and Tower Lighting on October 18th, Haunted Drive Thru on October 21st, and the Great Puzzle Race 2 on November 18th.