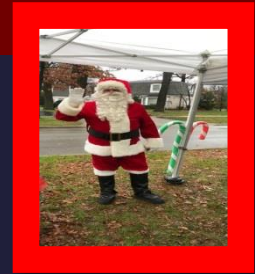


# Riverside Parks & Rec Newsletter

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## Programs in COVID, Safety First!

Dear Residents,

"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors--in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver." – Mr. Rogers

I think that we can all agree that this past year has been challenging to say the least, but like any challenge we will get through it together. Throughout this process we have endeavored to provide activities, resources, and events while never compromising health and safety. We understand that now more than ever, you need recreational opportunities and want to feel comfortable participating. That's why all of our programs and events strictly adhere to the latest guidelines put out by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and prevention. We want to thank the community for trusting us to provide these programs, and your continued support. We believe that "Socialization" is as important as "Safety" and our programs provide both. So know that you are not alone, we are always available to discuss concerns or questions and look forward to providing the recreational opportunities that we have in the past.

Stay safe and be well,

**Ron Malchiodi**

**Director of Recreation**

## What's in the News!

Letter from the Director

Santa Recap

Featuring Around Riverside in 80 Days

**Newsletter** We are switching to Newsletters to be released every 2 to 4 weeks, as our traditional seasonal brochures involve planning 3 to 5 months ahead. Our 2020 selves have grown accustomed to a theme of adaptability and flexibility. With that we are excited to be able to offer classes, but to help you plan your schedules, we want to be able to adapt to new phasing and guidance, so we cannot get too far ahead of ourselves. Newsletters are your consolidated glance at upcoming events, with some additional fun and information about what is happening with Riverside Parks & Recreation. It has been quite a journey discovering how to make your favorite programs and events work in our new world, and we thank you for your feedback and engagement along the way!

**What's Going On Wednesdays: Check out the new programs we will be offering on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RiversideRec](http://www.facebook.com/RiversideRec)**

## Comic Corner!

Submit your comic creation in jpeg & pdf format to [riversidepr@riverside.il.us](mailto:riversidepr@riverside.il.us) to be featured in our digital newsletter. Interested in sponsoring comic corner? Reach out to us at [riversidep@riverside.il.us](mailto:riversidep@riverside.il.us) to learn more about this sponsorship opportunity!



*Riverside Parks & Recreation seeks to provide our residents and neighbors with quality of life opportunities. Register for a program, attend an event, and enjoy the parks. Whatever you do, engage and find the enriching joy of being a Riversider. If you are interested in leading a class, apply online!*

**Riverside Parks & Recreation is excited to offer School Year Programming during this Hybrid School Year, visit <https://www.riverside.il.us/173/Parks-Recreation> to learn more about the options for you and your family. We provide safety, socialization, and school support!**

**Santa Recap:** We had such a thrill coordinating a Holiday Hello with Santa in cooperation with the Riverside Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, December 12. Santa stuck around the area and did Zooms with some friends earlier this week. From the lighting of the Tower to the Santa Mailbox, it was really lovely to hold onto some traditional elements this year and get creative with the rest. Thank you for joining us, communicating with us and supporting us this holiday season.

### **Around Riverside in 80 Days Fun Run**

Did you know that this year there are 80 days between Thanksgiving Day and Valentine's Day? Did you also know that Riverside Parks & Recreation can't stop thinking of ways to bring us together while safely staying apart? We have so much pride in this town of Riverside that we want to wear our town's name like a badge of honor. Join us in this campaign that encourages health, wellness, social distancing, and warmth this winter. Register for the Around Riverside in 80 Days Fun Run and receive the sweatshirt of your choice! Go for a run and send us a pic of all your fun. There is no distance requirement. This fun run implies simply what it says fun and a run. We seek to provide health and wellness opportunities for you. This Fun Run Campaign will last from Nov 6, 2020 to Feb 14, 2021. You can register for as many sweatshirts as you'd like, you only have to do the run once.



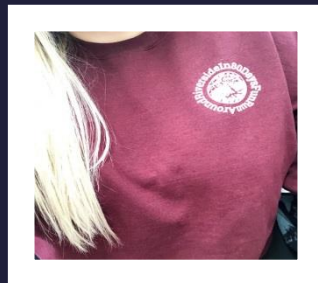
### **Riverside Parks & Recreation**

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## **Register for programs today!**

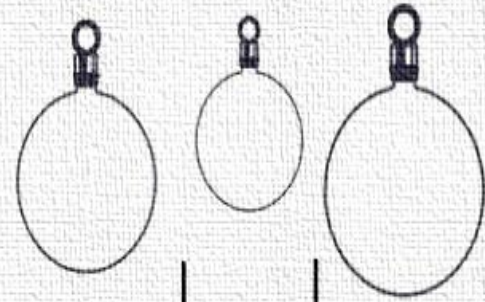
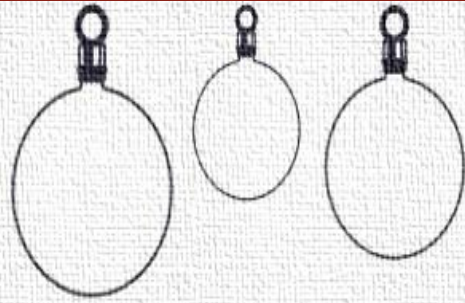
- **School Years Sessions for the 2021 School Year**
- **Shop local and Send a Winter Candy Gram**
- **Register for your health and wellness for Around Riverside in 80 Days Fun Run.**



### **Webtrac Account**

Riverside Parks & Recreation has made it possible for you to register for most programs from the comfort of your home. Create your webtrac account on our website at [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us) by going to the "Register online" tab of the Parks & Rec page. If you forgot your account password, please just give us a call and we can help you reset.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



WHAT'S ON MY WISH LIST

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