



Riverside 150: Nature By Design Sesquicentennial Events

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Sesquicentennial Exhibits

January – February

Riverside Public Library

www.riversidelibrary.org



Visit the Riverside Public Library for Sesquicentennial exhibits! In January, The Frederick Law Olmsted Society will display winning photographs of Riverside's landscapes from contest participants. See how Olmsted's vision for experiencing beauty as you move through the landscape is captured in beautiful images. In February, the Landscape Advisory Commission will display images and information about upcoming Sesquicentennial events.

Also look in the Library's cases for a large display of the General Plan of Riverside, sponsored by the Riverside Historical Commission.

FLOS Annual meeting

January 18, 2019

7 PM

Riverside Township Hall Auditorium

www.olmstedsociety.org

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society (FLOS) Annual meeting is open to the public, and honors the Village's Sesquicentennial with professional images of Riverside's beauty. Photographer Chris Neumer of Twenty Seven and a Half photography will present his captivating artwork and describe how he finds the perfect shot and the extremes sometimes needed to capture it. Photo contest winners will also be awarded. Light refreshments will be catered by The Chew Chew.

MARCH

How Old is that Oak?

March 15 – April 30, 2019

Online

[Landscape Advisory Commission](#)



Scientists from The Morton Arboretum recently performed an analysis on one of the oak trees in Guthrie Park which should help pinpoint its age within a few years. Guess the age of the tree and be a winner! Sponsored by Riverside's Landscape Advisory Commission with funding from [Openlands](#). [Enter your guess here!](#)

Organization Fair
150 Years of Volunteerism
March 10, 2019
Time TBD

Riverside Public Library
www.riversidelibrary.org

Want to help Riverside thrive over the next century? Riverside's many volunteer organizations will be on hand to explain the variety of volunteer options available to you.

APRIL

Arbor Day and Olmsted's Birthday
April 27, 2019
9 AM – 12 PM

Frederick Law Olmsted Society
www.olmstedsociety.org

Join in a Landscape Workday to help green Riverside at the Longcommon/Kent Road triangle. Plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day and enjoy cupcakes to celebrate Frederick Law Olmsted's Birthday! Sponsored by the Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission and Frederick Law Olmsted Society.

MAY

Secrets from Very Old Trees & The Big Reveal!
Thursday, May 2, 2019
7 PM

Riverside Public Library

Find out the answer to the How Old is This Oak Contest and maybe win a prize. Scientists from the Morton Arboretum will discuss their process of coring the oak tree in Guthrie Park as part of an overall research study of trees in the area. What do the tree rings reveal about climate conditions in the past...and future? Sponsored by the Riverside Public Library and the Frederick Law Olmsted Society.

BioBlitz!
Friday and Saturday, May 10 & 11, 2019
Throughout the Day
Scout Cabin

Help scientists discover the wildlife in Riverside! In this one-day extravaganza, scientists and citizen scientists will take a census of the flora and fauna of Riverside's natural areas along the river. How many birds, mammals, insects and plants can you spot? Results will be posted on iNaturalist.org for global review. Be part of this first-ever data collection effort. Watch the Village website and eflash for registration details. Sponsored by the Frederick Law Olmsted Society and Landscape Advisory Commission with generous funding from Openlands.

RAW 150 Spectacle
Days leading up to the May 18-19, 2019 Weekend

Always a mystery, this year the exhibits foretelling the RAW weekend will have a Sesquicentennial theme. What will it be?



JUNE

**Riverside 150: Nature by Design – Be Part of the Plan
Summer, 2019**

Riverside Public Library

www.riversidelibrary.org

Can you do it? This year, the Riverside Public Library challenges you to read 150 books in honor of the Sesquicentennial. Watch for more details!



JULY

Annual July 4 Parade

July 4, 2019

8:45 AM

Parade starts at Big Ball Park

The parade will have a Sesquicentennial theme this year. Get your 150 On!

Nautical Parade of the Sesquicentennial

July 6, 2019

Time TBD (weather dependent)

Lions Club

www.riversidetownshiplionsclub.com

The Nautical Parade of the Sesquicentennial: Join as a participant or a spectator in this fan favorite – the Scuffy Regatta for people-powered craft down the Des Plaines River. Kayaks, canoes and more will float from upstream to the Swinging Bridge. Buy your Regatta pennant and cheer on your favorite float!

Vintage Baseball Game

July 21, 2019

1 PM

Parks & Rec Department



A Riverside first-ever event! Riverside will host a matchup between two Vintage Baseball teams, the Chicago Salmon and the Deep River Grinders of Indiana. Watch how baseball was played a century ago – the rules are different, the uniforms are different, and the chatter is different! But you still can cheer for your favorite team! Come to the Big Ball Park (intersection of

Delaplaine & Longcommon) for an entertaining and fun game!

SEPTEMBER

Picnic Like Its 1869!

September 15, 2019 (weather dependent)

Time: 1 – 4 PM

Swan Pond Bluff

[Landscape Advisory Commission](#)



Back by popular demand, see how our ancestors might have picnicked at Swan Pond. This is a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) event with recyclable, eco-friendly items. A violin concert will entertain picnickers, and Arboretum docents will give a tour of our Riverside Arboretum. Croquet sets will be available. Challenge your friends to a genteel game from the past!

Housewalk and HopStop

September 28, 2019

Times TBD

Frederick Law Olmsted Society

www.olmstedsociety.org

This year the Frederick Law Olmsted Society pulls out all the “stops” in pairing its new favorite festival, HopStop, with a timeless classic, the Housewalk. Tour several architectural masterworks including Frank Lloyd Wright and William Le Baron Jenney classics, and then join your friends for the craft brew fest and music.



Sesquicentennial Dance

October 2019

Date, Time and Location TBD

Plan on joining the Riverside Dancing Club for its’ Sesquicentennial Dance.