

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30

April 5

April 19

May 3

May 17

Commission Meetings

April 2010

01 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
08 Preservation Comm., 7:30
12 Cable Commission, 7:30
13 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
15 Police Adjudication, 6:30
20 Plan Commission, 7:30
26 Parks & Rec. Bd., 7:00
27 Historical Commission, 7:00
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

May 2010

06 Police Pension Board, 8:00am
06 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30
10 Cable Commission, 7:30
11 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
11 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:30
18 Plan Commission, 7:30
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*Please call 708-447-2700 x 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.

For more information please visit www.riverside.il.us

Centennial Plaza and CBD Improvements

Centennial Plaza

Upcoming Centennial Plaza improvements will consist of several elements including removing the asphalt service drive located between the Water Tower and Museum (West Well House), landscape improvements, architectural lighting on the tower, ADA sidewalk improvements, and paving Pine and East Avenue. When completed, we hope to have a restored relationship between the Central Business District, the water tower campus and the railroad. A desired consequence of the improvements is to make the Village a shopping and sightseeing destination for train passengers and other visitors. The project is partially funded by the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). ITEP money is provided by the Federal Government as part of the Transportation Bill and the State of Illinois administers the funding through its Surface Transportation Program (STP). This project is expected to begin in May of 2010.



Riverside Springs Ahead

The Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission and the Public Works Department will coordinate a volunteer effort this spring to help beautify the Central Business District and revitalize the system of landscape beds along Burlington Avenue and Quincy Road. Volunteers will help excavate and backfill select planting beds with fresh soil and mulch and will install new plants and flowers. Eight existing planting beds that were found to obstruct access to businesses will be removed and filled in with concrete. The Village is encouraging donations and volunteers to contribute to this important project that will enhance the Central Business District. For additional information please call the Public Works Department at 708-442-3590 or e-mail the Landscape Advisory Commission at: springsahead@riverside.il.us.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The good news is that Riverside has not yet identified any Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestations. In 2009, purple traps were installed in coordination with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to detect the insect and they have resulted in no evidence of the beetle. The bad news is that the insect has been found in communities such as La Grange and Oak Park, which are in close proximity of Riverside's majestic landscape. Many resource managers feel that it is a matter of time before the insect's spread covers the Chicagoland area.

The Village Forester points out that some chemicals may be able to protect ash trees against this voracious little bugger. TREE-age (Emamectin benzoate) has shown promise in protecting ash trees for a two year period and is injected directly into the ash tree. Merit (Imidacloprid) has shown variable effectiveness for control of the insect. This application must be applied on an annual basis, directly to the soil for tree root uptake. Most local tree companies have certified arborists who are trained to apply these chemicals safely. Bayer Advanced is another form of Merit and is available at most local Home and Garden Centers. Riverside's Forester encourages residents to consider these options for protecting their ash trees in advance of the insect's arrival. Recommended reading for homeowners is available at the following internet links listed below.

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/Multistate_EAB_Insecticide_Fact_Sheet.pdf

The Village maintains over 1,000 ash trees throughout its system of parks and parkways, and as a result it would not be cost effective for the Village to treat each tree with the above chemicals. However, if you are interested in protecting an ash tree in a parkway, or if you have questions or concerns about EAB, please contact Mike Collins, Village Forester at (708) 442-3590 Extension. 502. Please also visit the Riverside website <http://www.riverside.il.us/> and look under 'Quick Links' to view an inventory of ash trees.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

Vehicle Stickers will be on sale in late May. Stickers are \$90 for passenger vehicles and motorcycles and must be purchased and displayed by June 30. Every vehicle registered to or housed at a Riverside address must purchase and display the new vehicle sticker by June 30.

To get the latest news and developments about the Village of Riverside, please sign up for the E-Flash System. To register, please go to www.riverside.il.us/eflash.

2010 Water Main Improvements

The Village will soon complete two important water main improvement projects designed to improve the Village's water distribution system. The Northgate Water Main Improvement Project which began in February of 2010 will be completed by May of 2010. When completed, the project will have replaced 2600 linear feet of 4" pipe with new 10" ductile iron pipe, and replaced fire hydrants and service connections. Following completion of the water main construction, Northgate Road will be resurfaced and driveway aprons that were impacted by construction will be replaced.

The second project, which will begin in late March or early April, includes the construction of approximately 4,550 feet of new 8", 10", and 12" ductile iron water main, and the installation of valve vaults, fire hydrants, and new service connections. This water main construction work will be occurring in the following locations:

1. Retirement of the Selborne water main between N. Delaplaine and Northgate
2. Retirement of the Forest alley water main
3. Replacement the Forbes water main north and south between Waubensee Road and Parkview Road
4. East Burlington water main replacement between Longcommon and N Cowley
5. Retirement of the Longcommon water main between E Burlington and Herrick
6. Replacement of the north and south Cowley water main
7. Retirement of the water main on Southcote

These projects will impact rates as they are funded by loans from the Federal stimulus legislation passed in 2009. Twenty-five percent of the costs are forgiven with 75% borrowed at 0% interest for 20 years. If you have questions about the water replacement projects, please contact Greg Koch, Director of Public Works Department at 708-442-3590.

Property Maintenance Reminder: If you have planted bushes or have landscaping near the public sidewalk, please remember to keep these plantings well maintained and pruned so that pedestrians have a safe and easy passage along village sidewalks. Thank you!

Ridgewood Road Resurfacing

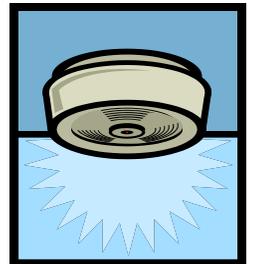


Ridgewood Road will be resurfaced from Golf Road to First Avenue, with construction expected to commence after the first week of June, 2010. This schedule should allow the project to be completed in its entirety during the summer months while Riverside-Brookfield High School is not in session. The project is funded in large part from Federal grant funds.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

A smoke alarm is critical for the early detection of a fire in your home and could mean the difference between life and death. Fires can occur in a variety of ways and in any room of your home. But no matter where or how, having a smoke alarm is the first key step towards your family's safety.

Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. In a fire, smoke and deadly gases tend to spread farther and faster than heat. That's one reason why most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. A majority of fatal fires happen when families are asleep because occupants are unaware of the fire until there is not adequate time to escape. A smoke alarm stands guard around the clock and, when it first senses smoke, it sounds a shrill alarm. This often allows a family the precious but limited time it takes to escape. About two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are considered to be one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire and could reduce the risk of dying from a fire in your home by almost half.



Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and inside bedrooms. A smoke alarm should be installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions. When installing a smoke alarm, many factors influence where you will place it, including how many are to be installed. In general you should place alarms in the center of a ceiling or, if you place them on a wall, they should be 6 to 12 inches below the ceiling.

Smoke detectors should be tested at least monthly and the batteries should be changed at least annually. A good way to remember when to replace the battery is to change the battery each Fall and Spring when you change your clock at Daylight Savings Time. The Riverside Fire Department has sponsored a program to provide free smoke detector batteries each Fall for a number of years. Many homes now have installed fire alarm systems. These systems should be designed by a qualified Fire Alarm designer and the system should be tested and maintained according to manufacturers' recommendations.

If you have questions about the smoke detectors in your home or need assistance changing a battery, please contact the Riverside Fire Department at 708-447-2123.

Provide quality municipal services to our residents and visitors in a fiscally responsible manner consistent with our Village's historic tradition and community atmosphere.