

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

April 1, April 15

May 6, May 20

Commission Meetings

April 2013

04 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
08 Cable Comm., 7:30
10 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
11 Preservation Comm., 7:30
16 Plan Commission, 7:30
18 Police Adjudication, 6:00
22 Parks & Rec. Comm., 7:00
23 Historical Commission, 7:00
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

May 2013

02 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30
02 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am
09 Preservation Comm., 7:30
13 Cable Commission, 7:30
14 Board of Fire & Police
Commissioners, 7:00
14 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
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Please call 708-447-2700
ext. 254 to confirm the
meeting you wish to attend.



For more
Information,
please visit
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Upcoming Community Events



Riverside Arts Weekend (RAW) will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19 in Guthrie Park. Don't miss this exciting two days of art, music, food and fun. In addition to the juried art show, the event will also feature a fashion show, musical performances, childrens' art activities and the Redmoon Spectacle. Please visit the RAW website at www.riversideartsweekend.org for more information.

The annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held in Guthrie Park on Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend this program to honor our active duty service members and veterans and remember those brave American service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside Road.



The **Riverside Farmers' Market** returns! Wednesdays from June 5—October 2. The market will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30—7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Library and the Township Hall. Many of your favorite vendors are returning and we will welcome several exciting new vendors. For the most up-to-date information on the market, please visit: JUSTEATLOCAL.WORDPRESS.COM and www.facebook.com/Riverside.Farmers.Mkt.

The annual **Cruise Nights and Car Show** sponsored by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce will return to the Central Business District this summer. Cruise nights will be held on Thursday, June 13, July 11 and August 8. The Car Show will be held on Sunday, September 29.



Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses Renew in May

Renewal forms will be mailed to residents in mid-May. Stickers must be purchased and displayed no later than June 30 to avoid penalties. Current stickers are required for all vehicles housed in Riverside or registered (with the Secretary of State) to a Riverside address. Renewals with no changes can be renewed on-line before June 20. You may also return your renewals by mail or use the silver drop box in front of the village office. We will process your paperwork and mail your stickers to you. Please consider using these convenient renewal options rather than standing in line at the Village office.

If your vehicle is no longer registered or housed in Riverside, you must provide the village with a copy of the bill of sale or other disposal record such as an insurance report or Secretary of State registration showing that the vehicle is no longer registered in Riverside. If a vehicle remains registered in Riverside but is used or stored out of town (such as with a college student or at second home), it still must have a Riverside vehicle sticker. Dog owners must provide proof of current rabies inoculation. All dogs must be licensed.

Yard Waste Guidelines

Yard Waste Pick-Up

Yard waste includes grass clippings, weeds, leaves, branches, brush, shrubs, vines and any greenery produced from gardening and landscaping. Residents are encouraged to look for alternatives to bagging yard waste for collection such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders and backyard compost piles.

For residents who wish to have their yard waste collected, please note the following:

- Yard waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags up to 35 gallons and 50 pounds; or
- Sturdy plastic or metal containers up to 35-gallons marked in a large letters for yard waste - free *Yard Waste Only* decals are available at Village Office. Containers must have two handles and must weigh no more than 50 pounds when filled.
- Bundled brush up to two feet in diameter and four feet in length weighing no more than 50 pounds is also acceptable. (The diameter of individual branches should not exceed 3 inches.) Brush must be securely bundled with natural rope or twine. Unbundled brush will not be collected.

Collection Guidelines

- Yard waste is collected from the first week in April through the last week of November. Yard waste is collected on Tuesday as long as it is placed at your collection point by 6 a.m.
- Any yard waste mixed with trash or placed in plastic bags or a garbage cart will not be collected. Please do not mix dirt, rocks, stone with yard waste.

Yard Waste Collection resumes on Tuesday, April 2, 2013!

To get the latest news and developments about the Village of Riverside, please sign up for the E-Flash. To register, go to www.riverside.il.us and click on the Riverside E-flash link on the left side of the homepage or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

Riverside Property Transfer Requirements



The Village of Riverside requires property owners to obtain a Certificate of Compliance whenever title is transferred for a structure, building or dwelling unit. The expense is the seller's responsibility, and the Certificate of Compliance must be given to the new owner at the time of closing. An original stamped plat of survey which is not more than six months old must be provided to the Building Department in order for the Certificate of Compliance to be issued. The compliance inspection should be scheduled at least one week before the proposed closing date, but residents are encouraged to contact the Building Department as soon as the closing is scheduled. The cost of the Certificate of Compliance depends on the type of property; however, for a single family home the cost is \$175 plus payment of the final water bill and any other outstanding debts owed to the village. Please contact the Building Department at (708) 447-1241 with questions or to set up a Compliance Inspection. Additional information regarding this process is available in the Sale and Transfer of property FAQ section of the Building Department page of the village website: www.riverside.il.us.

Fire Department offers CPR Classes

The early initiation of quality CPR has proven to increase the survival rate of patients who suffer a cardiac arrest. Combining CPR with early defibrillation and advanced life support has proven to save lives. The Riverside Fire Department will conduct CPR classes for the general public on April 15 and May 27, 2013. The Heart Saver course (General Public), is approximately 3 hours. All CPR classes are American Heart Association (AHA) Classes, and are authorized through Edward Hospital EMS System. CPR Certification Cards will be issued at the end of the class, pending successful mastery of skills. Participants must register in advance by calling the Riverside Fire Department at 708-442-2251, ext. 312.



Please visit the village website for a complete listing of Village Board and Advisory Commission Meetings for 2013. The public is welcome at all open meetings.

Landscape Workdays for 2013



The Riverside Public Works Department, Parks & Recreation Department and the Olmsted Society are teaming up in 2013 to beautify Riverside's public parks. Scottswood Common and the Longcommon serve as the backbone of Riverside's landscape architecture. Both were intended to be part of a green space stretching all the way to downtown Chicago. Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians and vehicles.

His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth and eliminating weeds. Landscape Workdays for 2013 are: April 27 at Patriots Park, May 11 at the Scout Cabin, June 1 at Blythe Park, June 22 at Big Ball Park, July 13 at Scottswood Common, August 3 at Harrington Park, August 24, September 7 and September 14 at Gage Road and Riverside Road along the Des Plaines River, October 5, October 26 and November 9 at Big Ball Park. All are welcome and service hours are available. For more information, please contact the village forester at (708) 442-3590.

Parks & Recreation

The Riverside Parks & Recreation Department has programs for everyone! For a complete listing of upcoming classes and events, be sure to visit the **Quick Links** section of the village website where the current program guide and registration forms are always available. Online registration is also available through the website. Visa and Mastercard are accepted for online registrations. **Spring Soccer, Fairies in the Forest and Chicago Whitesox Baseball Summer Camp at Indian Gardens** are just a few of the exciting opportunities available through the Riverside Parks & Recreation Department. For more information, please contact the department at (708) 442-7025 or stop by the office in the Historic Water Tower.



Village's Bond Rating Upgraded to AA+

The Village of Riverside was notified by Standard & Poor that it has assigned the Village a bond rating of AA+. Standard & Poor's rating was based on the following observations of the village: participation in the deep and diverse Chicago metropolitan area economy; very Strong incomes and extremely strong market value per capita; very strong reserves and a history of operating surpluses; and moderate overall debt burden, coupled with rapid amortization. S&P's assessment of the Village's financial management practices is classified as 'good' under its financial management assessment (FMA) methodology. Areas of note include the monthly budget-to-actual performance reports to the board, long-term financial and capital plans, and the long-standing formal fund balance policy to maintain 25% of expenditures in general fund reserves.