

# Riverside Review

April / May 2015

## Village of Riverside

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## Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.  
April 16  
May 7, May 21

## Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

### April 2015

09 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:00  
09 Preservation Comm., 7:00  
13 Cable Comm., 7:00  
14 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
15 Safe Environment, 7:30  
16 Police Adjudication, 6:00  
20 Historical Comm., 7:00  
22 Planning and Zoning, 7:00  
27 Parks & Rec. Board, 7:00

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28 Police Pension Bd., 8:00 a.m.

Please call  
708-447-2700 ext. 254  
to confirm the meeting  
you wish to attend.



For more  
information,  
please visit  
[www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us).

## Village signs contract with new Refuse Company

At their March 5 Regular Meeting, the Village Board approved a Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to execute a 5 year contract with Flood Brothers Disposal Company for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, recycling and yard waste beginning June 1, 2015. Flood Brothers is a local, family-owned business based in Oakbrook Terrace. They currently operate a fleet of over 75 refuse and recycling vehicles providing residential service to over 18,290 customers and more than 10,500 businesses and institutions. As part of the contract, yard waste pick-up will continue to be unlimited and will be collected from April 1 to November 30. Additionally, Flood Brothers will provide optional programs to residents not previously offered, such as composting (additional fee), recycling of electronics at Public Works (no additional fee), disposal of batteries and CFL light bulbs (no additional fee) and disposal of latex paint (additional fee). Please watch for additional information in the mail in the coming weeks. IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Refuse will be collected on THURSDAYS starting June 1.



## 2015 Street Improvements

Riverside residents will soon begin reaping the benefits of the street improvement bond referendum approved by voters in November 2014. This summer, an estimated \$2.3 million street improvement project will get underway that will resurface N. Delaplaine Road from Herrick to Longcommon, Shenstone Road from N. Delaplaine to Nuttall, Audubon Road from Longcommon to Southcote, Nuttall Road from Selborne to Loudon, Lawton Road from Harlem to Riverside Road and the portion of Forest Avenue from the west end of the bridge to the recently completed 1st Avenue IDOT project. These roadways were largely selected based on the street condition survey that was completed by the village's engineering firm in early in 2014. Resurfacing of streets in poor condition with water or sewer main work planned in the near future, have been deferred until after the water or sewer work has been completed. Of the \$2.3 million total, the village has committed \$500,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenues to the project. Motor Fuel Taxes are collected by the state at the gas pump and redistributed to municipalities on a per capita basis.

Independent of the bond and MFT funded projects above, East Burlington Street will be resurfaced from Longcommon to Harlem Avenue. This project is being coordinated with the Burlington Streetscape Improvement Project and is primarily funded by the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) which provided 80% of the funding with the balance being the responsibility of the village.



## Vehicle Stickers and Dog Licenses

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 until June 30. Stickers can also be renewed by mail or by leaving the completed form along with payment in the silver lock box in front of the Township Hall. Staff will process your paperwork and mail your sticker 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), a sticker is still required. Dog owners must provide proof of current rabies inoculation in order to renew a dog license. All dogs must be licensed.

## Riverside Arts Weekend: May 16 & 17: Guthrie Park

Riverside Arts Weekend returns to Guthrie Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17, with a juried arts fair, musical performances, an urban art installation, a fashion show, art activities for children, food and drink. Visit the RAW website for more information: [riversideartsweekend.org](http://riversideartsweekend.org). Also happening on in the area on May 16: Wright Plus Architectural Housewalk: [FLWRIGHT.ORG](http://FLWRIGHT.ORG).



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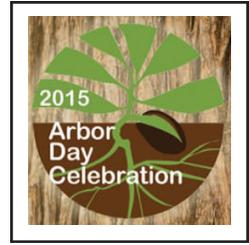
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## Arbor Day/Landscape Workdays in the “Village in the Forest”

The village forester and the Frederick Law Olmsted Society will plant a tree near the Swan Pond to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25 in conjunction with Riverside Brookfield High School’s Day of Service.

Additionally, Landscape Workdays are scheduled throughout the warmer weather and volunteers are always welcome. Landscape Workdays for 2015 are:

- April 11 & April 25—Swan Pond—Arbor Day Celebration
- May 9—Scout Cabin Area—Great Garlic Mustard Pull
- May 30—Patriots Park
- June 13—Riverside Road
- July 11 & July 25—Scottswood Common
- August 22, August 29, September 19 & October 24—Riverside Road
- November 7—Scottswood Common



All workdays are scheduled on Saturdays from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Look for the Riverside Public Works dump truck. Come for an hour or three, whatever your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves and a water bottle. All other supplies and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact the village forester at 708-442-3590 x 502 or email the Olmsted Society at: [workdays@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:workdays@olmstedsociety.org).

## Property Transfer Requirements

Buying or selling a property in Riverside? All property transfers in Riverside require a compliance inspection and final water meter reading. The fee for a compliance inspection for a single family dwelling is \$175. The final water bill must also be paid prior to closing and the seller must obtain a final payment certificate or any unpaid balance will be transferred to the new property owner. Compliance inspections and final water meter readings should be scheduled with the Building Department at least ten days in advance of the proposed closing date. Sellers must also provide the village with a current plat of survey not more than six months old and a copy of the deed which will be stamped and returned. For additional information regarding the compliance inspection or final payment certificate, please contact the village office at 708-447-2700. To schedule a compliance inspection, please call the building department at 708-447-1241.



## Property Maintenance Reminders

Warmer weather is finally here and the grass is starting to grow. Please be a good neighbor and cut your grass regularly. Village ordinance prohibits accumulations of weeds or grasses over eight (8) inches in height. Please also note that all property exteriors should be kept in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. Outdoor storage of materials is prohibited. Roof drainage must be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration of the walls or the interior portion of a structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts must be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Drainage from roofs, paved areas, yards and other open areas cannot be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance. If possible, roof drains and sump pumps should be discharged to a grassy surface located five feet (5') from the wall of the structure and may not discharge directly onto adjoining properties.



## Welcome New Businesses!

**34 East Lounge** opened their doors in December 2014. This establishment has a full service bar and an evolving menu of light bites. They offer local craft beers and creative cocktails in addition to more standard fare. They are open Mon-Thurs 3pm-12am, Fri-Sat 3pm-2am, and Sundays 3pm-10pm. Come meet owner Natalie and her lovely team and enjoy the relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. 34 East Lounge is located at 34 East Avenue, near the Historic Water Tower.

**V'Da Studio**, is located at 38 East Avenue, just a few doors down from 34 East Lounge. When you need to look especially fabulous, Vee, Denise and Abby are ready to assist. This trio of creative women specialize in wedding and portrait photography, make-up and fashion design. Hours are by appointment. For more information, please contact Vee at 773-809-0611, Denise at 773-817-9333 and Abby at 708-372-2929.

## Parks & Recreation Happenings

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering more programs than ever! Register today and join in the fun. Stop by the Parks & Rec office in the Historic Water Tower or register online at: [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us). Summer Camp registrations are still being accepted.



From Daylight Field Game Night to an Earth Day Art Gala or BYOB Canvas Painting and Bunco to Cardio Kick Boxing and Pillow Hockey, there’s something for everyone. Make 2015 the year you get up and get moving. According to the Mayo Clinic, exercise helps control weight, combats health conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes, improves mood, boosts energy and promotes better sleep, just to name a few of the benefits.

The Parks & Recreation Department is always looking for volunteers, certified instructors and qualified coaches. If you’re interested in working with the department, please call 708-442-7025 or email the department at: [riversidepr@riverside.il.us](mailto:riversidepr@riverside.il.us). You can also visit the department’s facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/riversiderec](http://www.facebook.com/riversiderec).