

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

August 3
Board of Trustees, 7:30
August 17
Board of Trustees, 7:30
September 7
Board of Trustees, 7:30
September 21
Board of Trustees, 7:30

Commission Meetings

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06 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am
06 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30
10 Cable Commission, 7:30
11 Fire & Police Comm. 7:00
11 Landscape Adv 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

New Community Information Service

The Riverside Police Department is launching a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology. This service, created by Nixle, LLC delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cell phone. The service is simple, trusted, and completely free. It provides alerts related to public safety threats and community events via web, email, and cell phone. Sign up at www.nixle.com to register.

Nixle's authenticated service connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and through Web access. Nixle has been offered at no cost to the Riverside Police Department and residents.

For now, Riverside residents will be able to receive police-related information and municipal government information via Nixle. Channels providing other kinds of information are expected to be introduced in the future.

Forestry Update

A Friendly Reminder to Plant A Tree

The Tree Cooperative will be taking order subscriptions for tree planting, starting July 20th through **September 4th, 2009**. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and funding is limited. Once funding has been expended, residents may purchase a tree for full cost if the resident so desires. Residents should be aware that although the program is no longer planting on private property, there is a setback between most properties' sidewalk and residence that can be considered for planting, depending on utility conflicts. More detailed information about the program is available at www.riverside.il.us/projects. Please consider your participation in this vital program to help fill gaps where trees have been removed. After all, trees help to increase your property value and beautify the community.



Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Forester and Forestry Intern are updating the ash tree inventory to determine the condition and size of ash trees on the parkways and public lands throughout the Village of Riverside. Once the inventory is completed, more information will be available to make sound decisions regarding ash tree management in anticipation of the Emerald Ash Borer. In coordination with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Forester has installed four purple traps throughout the Village to better detect the presence of this destructive beetle.

Gypsy Moth Update

Spray applications of BTK successfully controlled caterpillars at Indian Gardens and First Avenue. Minimal defoliation from the insect was observed. The Forester will continue to trap moths and monitor egg masses of the insect to detect and control future infestations.

Dutch Elm Disease Update

Due to the high levels of precipitation experienced this spring and summer, tree mortality associated with Dutch elm disease has been observed at high levels. The Village of Riverside greatly appreciates resident compliance with the removal of diseased elms on private property. The prompt removal of these diseased trees is for the greater good of the community and the Village shares in this financial burden.

For more information, please contact Mike Collins, Village Forester at (708) 442-3590 or visit our website at www.riverside.il.us and proceed to Public Works>Forestry>Tree Pest Control.

Budget Public Input Meeting

The Village will be holding a Public Input meeting prior to the Village Board beginning its discussions of the 2010 Budget. At the Public Input meeting, the Village Board will actively seek ideas and input from the public on budgetary priorities for the coming year. The meeting will be held on **August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4 at Township Hall**. We hope to see you there!

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.

Parks & Rec Update

The Parks & Recreation Department would again like to thank all the residents who joined us for the Independence Day festivities! Our Concert in the Park, 5K Run, Parade, and Festival are staple events that were very well attended again this year. We owe thanks to the other village departments for helping us make this event successful.



Be sure to join us for our 2nd Annual “Cori’s Kids Triathlon” – August 22 at 8:00am. Space is limited, so register now so you don’t miss your chance to participate in this wonderful event!

We are offering advertising opportunities for area businesses in our Autumn/Winter Program Brochure. This is a great way to reach the residents of Riverside and promote your company for nominal cost.

For more information on these or any of our programs contact us at (708)442-7025

NICOR—Gas Main Replacement Project

The NICOR project to replace low pressure gas mains with high pressure gas mains is now its final stages. The bulk of the work, which involved installing 27 miles of high pressure gas pipe, is now fully complete. Work also included installing 3,000 new high pressure gas services, and relocating over 3,200 gas meters from inside homes and businesses to the outside. NICOR has less than 50 services to install and has approximately 575 meters left to relocate. The Village’s network of gas-fueled lights is also impacted by this project. Joe Manganiello of Public Works has been coordinating with NICOR to ensure that each gas light is properly equipped with new equipment to handle the new high pressure gas supply.

NICOR subcontractors are also moving through the Village and completing landscape, sidewalk, and pavement restoration work. All parkways and private lawns that were damaged by the project will have sod installed and watered. Sod will not be put down in temperatures over 85°. Sod that does not take hold within the first year of being installed will be replaced by NICOR at their cost. Restoration work is scheduled to be completed before the 2009 winter season takes hold.



Farmers’ Market Reminder

As a reminder, Riverside is welcoming a Farmers’ Market back to our Village this summer after an absence of many years. The market is held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot next to Riverside Bank (17 East Burlington). See you at the Market!

Vacation Safety Tips

Your vacation should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. Take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a burglary or other criminal acts against your home. The time spent preparing your home for vacation could save you money and aggravation later. Before you leave for your trip:

- Notify local police of the departure and return dates of your trip and provide the name and telephone number of a neighbor or relative to notify in the event of an emergency.
- Place a “vacation hold” on newspaper subscriptions and mail delivery and include the start and ending dates.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up newspapers and mail if the “vacation hold” was not followed. Ask them to remove throwaway papers and circulars from the doorway and mailbox.
- Place interior lights and a radio on timers to give the appearance that the home is occupied.
- Have front exterior lights on photocells that activate in the evening and shut off at daybreak.
- Notify neighbors of your absence and encourage them to contact the police regarding any suspicious activity at your home.
- Arrange to have the grass cut and watered, leaves raked and the sidewalk and driveway shoveled during the winter.
- Remove all tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to the garage, basement or shed.
- Unplug all non-essential electrical appliances such as computers, fans, televisions, irons, washer and dryers to avoid damage from electrical storms.
- Be sure the sump pump is functioning properly and free from debris to avoid basement flooding.
- Set the home thermostat at a reasonable temperature-85 degrees in the summer and 50 degrees in the winter.
- Make sure all entry points into the home are secure.
- Close the fireplace flue to prevent birds and animals from entering.
- If you have an alarm system, leave a current list of contacts with the alarm company in case of system activations. False alarms may be fined.
- Disconnect the electric garage door opener and lock the garage door.
- Be sure all vehicles left at home are locked and remove all valuables.