

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30

December 6
December 20
January 3
January 18

Commission Meetings

December 2010

02 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
9 Preservation Comm., 7:30
13 Cable Commission, 7:30
14 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
16 Police Adjudication, 6:30
21 Plan Commission, 7:30
27 Parks & Rec Bd., 7:00
Historical Commission - no mtg.
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

January 2011

06 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30
10 Cable Commission, 7:30
11 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
13 Preservation Comm., 7:30
18 Plan Commission, 7:30
25 Historical Comm., 7:00
20 Police Adjudication, 6:30
24 Parks & Rec Comm., 7:00
Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

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

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

Riverside Police Officers Honored

Riverside Police Officers Fabian Navarro, Edwin Ruiz and Auxiliary Police Officer Greg Saganich were selected by Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart to receive the Cook County Sheriff's "Award of Valor". This award recognizes officers who have performed acts of heroism and bravery. Each officer received the award for exemplary performance on the night of February 26, 2010 when they responded to a call of a home on fire on the 400 block of Audubon Road. Without regard to their personal safety, they ran into the home and rescued/removed residents to safety.

Officer Brian Greenwald was honored with the "Award of Merit" for his exceptional attitude, attendance, work ethic and professionalism towards serving the residents of Riverside.

Riverside Police Chief Thomas Weitzel commented, "All the officers honored have continuously demonstrated their commitment to serving the residents of Riverside with compassion and professionalism. The officers' dedication goes beyond normal expectations and they are most deserving recipients of these prestigious awards."

The award presentation was held at the Chicago Cultural Center on Tuesday, November 9, 2010.



Village Board Meetings

Be sure to tune in to Riverside TV, Channel 6 on Comcast Cable, to watch live broadcasts of your Village Board of Trustees meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Meetings are also recorded for re-broadcast.

Vehicle Sticker Enforcement

Once again, the Village has initiated an intense effort to ensure that all residents have registered their vehicles with the Village and have purchased current vehicle stickers. The vast majority of residents are in compliance with the ordinance. Those few who are still out of compliance will receive citations in the mail for any vehicles without a vehicle sticker. One hundred percent of these funds goes to the Village. Thank you to everyone who has purchased their stickers and to village staff who have worked so diligently on this project.

Senior Citizen's Society News

The Riverside Township Senior Citizen's Society (formerly the Riverside Golden Age Club) will host a Christmas Party luncheon on Monday, December 13 at 12:00 noon in the Riverside Township Auditorium. Meetings will be held regularly on the second Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Auditorium unless otherwise announced. Please watch your mailbox for more information regarding this exciting new organization.

What Our Water's Worth



Water management is a challenge we all face, from providing drinking water efficiently to dealing with stormwater runoff. *What Our Water's Worth*, is an awareness campaign created by the Metropolitan Planning Council and Openlands, with input by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. *What Our Water's Worth* is a website that provides valuable information about where our drinking water comes from and how the distribution works (or in some cases, doesn't). We highly encourage residents to check out the website, <http://chicagolandh2o.org/>, which also contains stories, conservation tips, municipal water profiles and a map of the region's water sources.

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.

Let's Keep in Touch!

The Village of Riverside has several ways for residents to receive updates regarding events and news from the Village. Don't miss any vital information.

E-Flash: Announcements sent to your e-mail account. To sign up, go to the Village website www.riverside.il.us and click on the RIVERSIDE E-FLASH link on the left side of the home page. You will be added to our mailing list immediately.

CodeRed: Emergency Notification via your home and cell phone numbers. Used only in an emergency. To sign up, go our website www.riverside.il.us and click on the Code Red link on the right side of the home page.

Nixle: News and alerts from our police department through text messages to your e-mail account and cell phone. Go to nixle.com and register using the Residents link.

Riverside is now on Twitter – Follow us @RiversideGov.

Winter Refuse Collection

Residents and building owners are reminded to clear snow away from refuse and recycling containers to avoid a missed collection. If the container is not accessible, it will not be emptied. Call (708) 345-7050 to report a missed collection.

ComEd Offers Winter Tips to Stay Warm and Save

- Have home heating systems cleaned and inspected by a professional each year to ensure safety and optimum efficiency. Be sure to change the filter prior to the heating season, and check its condition monthly.
- Inspect the caulking and weather-stripping around all windows, doors and any openings for utility services. Replace caulking and weather-stripping as necessary. A drafty house lets warm air escape and is much more costly to keep warm.
- Remove window air conditioners if possible, or install an air conditioner cover to eliminate drafts.
- Keep fireplace dampers closed tightly when not in use.
- Reverse the rotation of ceiling fan blades. During the winter, blades should spin so the warm air that has risen can be re-distributed around the room.
- Switch to more energy-efficient lighting, such as CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs), which use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

For the holiday season, ComEd also suggests replacing traditional holiday lights with LED versions that consume up to 70 percent less energy. LED lights last up to 10 times longer are safer since they produce less heat and remain cool to the touch. ComEd is offering an instant \$2 rebate on each set of LED holiday lights purchased through ComEd's Online Energy Store now through Dec. 31. This rebate is in addition to the usual 20 percent discount on energy efficient products available through the Online Energy Store www.comed.com.

All ComEd customers seeking energy assistance payments for the winter season may begin applying for **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** funds. The application period for all customers began Nov. 1 and will continue through Apr. 30, or until funds are exhausted. LIHEAP funds come in the form of a one-time credit on customers' energy bills. Households with incomes up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for LIHEAP support. For instance, a family of four with a monthly gross income of \$2,756 or less qualifies for LIHEAP assistance.

To apply for LIHEAP, contact one of the local administering agencies across ComEd's service territory. In Chicago and suburban Cook County, the number to call is 312-456-4100. Customers can also find the nearest local administering agency by visiting www.liheapillinois.com or www.ComEd.com.

Holiday Shopping Tips

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips from the Riverside Police Department Crime Prevention Section can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your Illinois Drivers License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/ or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you may be rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

