

# Riverside Review

December 2011 / January 2012

## Village of Riverside

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Building Dept. 708-447-1241  
Fire Admin. 708-447-2123  
Parks & Rec. 708-442-7025  
Police Admin. 708-447-2127  
Public Works 708-442-3590  
Museum 708-447-2542  
Library 708-442-6366  
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## Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**December 5**

**December 19**

**January 3—Cancelled**

**January 17—Tuesday**

## Commission Meetings

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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  
19 Parks & Rec. Bd., 7:00  
20 Plan Commission, 7:30  
27 Historical 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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## Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow (We'll clean it up, clean it up, clean it up)

The Department of Public Works plans to experiment with some new anti-icing treatments this snow season. These treatments are thought to be more effective than just salting and plowing in contending with snow and ice. The department hopes to reduce the use of rock salt which is expensive, corrosive and pollutes the environment.

Please remember that when snow falls, the department will begin snow removal operations by clearing all major arterial roads such as Delaplaine, Forest and Longcommon. This also includes streets in the central business district, train station platforms, public works, police department and township hall parking facilities and both fire stations. Secondary streets and all other parking lots will be cleared next, followed by alleys, dead-ends and remaining sidewalks.



Residents are reminded that it is illegal to push snow from private driveways or sidewalks onto public streets or sidewalks. Village snow plows will push the snow back onto private driveways when they are clearing the streets. Placing large piles of snow into public streets also creates a hazard for plow drivers and other motorists and can damage plows and other vehicles. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

## Protect Yourself & Your Family from CO Poisoning

- Install at least one carbon monoxide (CO) alarm with an audible warning signal near sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present.
- Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, fireplaces, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year.
- Never use your range or oven to help heat your home and never use a charcoal grill inside your home or garage.
- Never keep a car running inside a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.

A carbon monoxide alarm in your home can save your life in the event of CO buildup.

—Source: U.S. Fire Administration and FEMA.

## Parks & Recreation Happenings

Be sure to check out the online brochure for all the Winter Happenings at the Riverside Parks & Recreation Department at [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us).

**Kiddie New Year's Party!** – December 31st from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Party, party, party!! Get geared up for some New Year's Eve fun! Kids, 4 to 8 years old, will partake in various games and activities before we gear up for our countdown. We will ring in the New Year (at noon) with noisemakers, treats and pure celebration! Register soon to ensure a spot!

**Pond Hockey Tournament** – Saturday, January 14th

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Get your team ready now! Grab your skates and lace 'em up for an exciting day of serious competition during our "Pond Hockey" Tournament! Teams of 3 (maximum 6 on a roster) will compete in a single elimination tournament that consists of two ten-minute periods and a two-minute half. For all the details, please visit [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us). Teams will be grouped by age: 10-12, 13-15 and 16-17 years.



**Sled Hill Rules**—When you see snow, be in the know!

- Never walk up the middle of the sled hill. Use the sides.
- Maintain control of your sled at all times.
- Be alert for others sledding around you.
- Sled in designated areas only.
- Report any unsafe conditions by calling the Parks & Recreation Department at 442-7025 or by calling the police non-emergency number at 447-2127.

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](http://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.



## 2012 Important Dates

Please visit the Village website, [www.riverside.il.us](http://www.riverside.il.us), for the complete 2012 schedule of meeting dates for your Village Board of Trustees and other Village Boards and Commissions. All of these meetings are public meetings and residents are encouraged to attend. Cable television subscribers can also watch Village Board Meetings live on Riverside TV, Comcast Cable Channel 6.

**Village offices will be closed for the following holidays in 2012:** New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Spring Holiday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Refuse Collection will be delayed by one day because of the following holidays in 2012:** New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day. Please note that refuse collection WILL NOT be affected by the following holidays in 2012: Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. Yard Waste Collection will resume on Tuesday, April 2, 2012.

This information is also available on the village website. Please click on the [2012 Office and Refuse Collection Holidays](#) link on the right side of the homepage.

## Winter Refuse Collection

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

**THANK YOU**

The Village Board of Trustees and the entire staff wish you all a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy new year. We are especially grateful to the many volunteers who have donated so freely of their time, talent and treasure to this community. In these times of economic adversity, we can still accomplish great things through the hard work of volunteers. Thank you to all who serve on village commissions and boards, everyone who helped with landscape workdays or park maintenance, everyone who coached a team or helped out during Riverside Arts Weekend, Car Shows, Independence Day, at the Farmers Market the Holiday Stroll or other events. Your efforts are what makes this community great.

## Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is a time of celebration with friends and family. It can also be a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. Please take the time to apply the following holiday crime prevention measures.

### **Holiday Crime Prevention Tips While Shopping:**

- ✦ Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- ✦ Shop with a friend. There is safety in numbers.
- ✦ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- ✦ Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card.
- ✦ If possible, carry only your driver's license, personal checks, or necessary credit or debit cards.
- ✦ If you must carry a purse, do not wrap the straps around your arms or shoulders. Carry a clutch purse tightly under your arm or wear a fanny pack.
- ✦ Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket of your pants for safety.
- ✦ Be alert that crooks look for the "high dollar" shopping bags with your purchases. When possible, slip bags/purchases into a plain nondescript bag.
- ✦ Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts. Bags can easily be switched or taken.
- ✦ Educate your children about what to do if they are lost as well as "Stranger Danger".
- ✦ Don't overburden yourself with too many packages. Use the store's package pick-up.
- ✦ Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- ✦ If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk of the vehicle.
- ✦ Try not to shop until the store closes. Fewer people are present at this time.

### **Holiday Crime Prevention Tips For Parking Lots:**

- ✦ Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness.
- ✦ Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave during hours of darkness.
- ✦ If at all possible, try not to park next to a vehicle with dark tinted windows.
- ✦ Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.
- ✦ Leave the store with others, not alone.
- ✦ Ask security to escort you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable.
- ✦ Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot. Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking area.
- ✦ Watch for people who may be following you. This can occur inside as well as outside. If you suspect someone is following you, report it to security immediately.

### **Holiday Crime Prevention Tips At Home:**

- ✦ Keep the outside of your home well lit with doors locked and window curtains closed.
- ✦ Don't display gifts beneath the Christmas tree which can be seen from windows or doors.
- ✦ Make sure garage doors are down and securely locked.
- ✦ Make sure shed and storage buildings are securely locked.
- ✦ Have a trusted neighbor check your house on a daily basis if you plan to be away from home.
- ✦ Make sure a trusted neighbor knows how to reach you in case of an emergency.
- ✦ After the holidays, don't advertise gifts received by the boxes left for the garbage collection. Destroy boxes and place in a sealed, opaque garbage bag.



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