Riverside Review

June / July 2012

Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
June 4
June 18
July 16

Commission Meetings

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- 07 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
- **11** Cable Commission, 7:30
- 12 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00
- **14** Preservation Comm., 7:30
- 19 Plan Commission ,7:30
- **21** Police Adjudication, 6:00
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Please call 708-447-2700 ext. 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.



For more Information, please visit

www.riverside.il.us

Break out the Red, White & Blue!

Once again, residents can look forward to a good old fashioned, patriotic Independence Day in Riverside! There will be a concert in Guthrie Park on Tuesday, July 3. The Independence Day 5K run will be held on Village streets starting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 and the annual parade will step off at the corner of Longcommon and Delaplaine Roads at 8:45 a.m. Following the parade, there will be a community gathering and festival in Guthrie Park. Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate the 4th of July in Riverside.

Vehicle Sticker & Dog License Renewals

Vehicle sticker and dog license renewal forms were mailed to residents on May 11. Stickers must be purchased and displayed no later than June 30 to avoid penalties. Current stickers are required for all vehicles registered (with the Illinois Secretary of State) to a Riverside address <u>or</u> housed in the Village of Riverside. Renewals with no changes can be renewed on-line before June 22. Please visit the village website at <u>www.riverside.il.us</u>, click on the "Pay a Bill / Online Registration" link on the left side of the homepage, then select "Vehicle Sticker Renewals" from the options at the bottom of the page. Your renewal stickers will be mailed to you.

You may also return your renewals by mail or use the silver drop box in front of the village office. Staff 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 to a Riverside address. 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. Please check your renewal form to confirm the "Inoculation Expiration Date" of your dog's rabies vaccination. If the expiration date is prior to June 30, 2012, you must provide updated information from your veterinarian. All dogs must be licensed and leashed.

Hofmann Dam / Swan Pond Update

In response to concerns raised by residents regarding data presented to the Village about the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Hofmann Dam project, the Village Board insisted on a review of data by an independent agency.

Following a number of meetings between Village representatives including staff, elected officials & residents, and representatives from USACE and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the state sponsor of the project, it was agreed that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) would conduct the independent verification. The project scope agreed to by all parties identifies four objectives:

- Conduct a flow-duration analysis, including the selection of the period of record.
- Obtain field data characterizing low flows, velocities, water-surface elevations and channel roughness for the Des Plaines River reach from 26th Street to Hofmann Dam.
- Analyze the accuracy of the models for low flows, using the collected field data.
- Simulate results from a verified model at specified cross sections of the Des Plaines River.

Once the review is complete, the Village will hold a public meeting where representatives from the USGS, USACE and IDNR will be present to answer questions. A copy of the review will also be posted on the Village website with the project scope. Please contact Village Manager Peter Scalera at pscalera@riverside.il.us or (708) 447-2700 with any questions regarding the proposed work.

Farmers' Market starts June 13

Opening day of the 2012 Riverside Farmers' Market is Wednesday, June 13. The market will be held in the parking lot and on the front lawns of the Township Hall and Riverside Public Library. The market will feature an excellent assortment of products and local vendors with offerings such as: organic and sustainable, vegetables and fruits, Mirai sweet corn, vegetarian and vegan soups made from produce purchased from market vendors, grass fed beef, free range chicken, cage free eggs, mushrooms, kale chips, dried beans, flowers, plants, gluten-free and other specialty baked goods, confections, breads, made-to-order wood fired pizza and other prepared foods. The market will also feature programming on various food and environmental issues each week. Visit the Farmer's Market facebook page for complete details: www.facebook.com/Riverside.Farmers.Mkt.

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.

Home Improvement Season is Here

Please be considerate of your neighbors when working on home improvement or home maintenance projects. Any building, construction or landscaping activities requiring the use of any equipment that creates a loud and disturbing noise must conclude by 8:00 p.m. each evening and cannot resume prior to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Southcote Road / Waubansee Road Resurfacing

As part of the ongoing Five Year Street Improvement Program, the Village will resurface a portion of Southcote Road and all of Waubansee Road this summer. The Southcote Road project involves resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, spot portland cement concrete curb and gutter repairs, sewer repairs and installation of miscellaneous sidewalk ramps.



The Waubansee Road project involves replacement of water services, removal of pavement, curb and gutter and replacement with hot mix asphalt and portland cement concrete curb and gutter with appurtenant driveway repair and landscape restoration. Please watch for posted detours and exercise caution when driving in these areas during construction.

RPZ Inspections

Each property owner with an underground lawn irrigation system is required to have a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) device. In addition, any type of property or business, whether it be retail, industrial, medical, etc., that may have any type of hazardous compounds, materials, a fire suppression system, etc., must (by law) have their water line isolated with a backflow prevention device. Each RPZ device must be inspected and tested annually. This testing and inspection is mandated by the Illinois EPA and insures that no contaminated water will flow back into the Village's potable water supply. A certified copy of the report must be filed with the Village of Riverside by July 1 annually. If you have questions regarding the RPZ inspection process, please contact Public Works Director Edward Bailey at (708) 442-3590.

Electric Aggregation Update



On March 20, 2012, Riverside residents overwhelmingly approved a referendum question authorizing the Village to arrange for the supply of electricity for residential and small business customers who have not opted out of such a program. At their May 7, 2012 board meeting, Village trustees passed an ordinance authorizing aggregation of electrical load and adopting a plan of operation and

> Working with NIMEC, (Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative) the Village solicited competitive bids from energy suppliers. Residents will soon be receiving a letter from the Village advising of the next steps in the aggregation process. No one is obligated to participate in the program; however, residents who do not "opt out" will automatically be included.

Vacation Safety Tips

Your vacation should be a pleasant experience. Take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility of burglary or other criminal acts against your home while you're away. The time spent preparing your home for vacation could save you money later.

Don't forget to lock your doors and windows when you leave your house.

Be careful about who you tell of your vacation plans or who may be listening when you are discussing the plans with someone else. This includes being aware of who may be watching as you load your luggage into the car.

Remember, burglars find house keys easily when they are hidden under doormats, above the door ledge, or in a potted plant.

Stop all deliveries while away, or better yet, allow the deliveries to continue and have a trusted neighbor pick up your newspapers and packages.

Try to maintain the "lived in" look of your house while you are away. Use timers on lights and turn the ring tone down on your phones. (A ringing phone that goes unanswered can alert a burglar to the absence of any occupants inside the home.) Arrange for a trusted neighbor to do some yard work or occasionally park a car in your driveway.

Leave emergency contact numbers with someone you trust. You can call the Riverside Police Dept at (708) 447-2127 and request a House Watch of your home. House watches are conducted by our police officers. Keep in mind that these house watches are on an "as time basis". In most cases, a good neighbor keeping an eye on your home is much more effective than any intermittent law enforcement patrol.

