

# Riverside Review

June / July 2015

## 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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Jessica Frances

**Village Clerk**  
Cathy Haley

**Village Board Meetings**  
*All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.*  
**June 4, June 18**  
**July 16**

**Advisory Board &  
Commission Meetings**

### June 2015

08 Cable Comm., 7:00  
09 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
11 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:00  
11 Preservation Comm., 7:00  
15 Historical Comm., 7:00  
17 Safe Environment, 7:00  
18 Police Adjudication, 6:00  
22 Parks & Rec. Board, 7:00  
24 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

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



For more  
information,  
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## Summer Fun in Riverside

The **Riverside Farmers' Market** kicks off Wednesday, June 3 in the parking lot between the Township Hall and Riverside Public Library. The market will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30—7:00 p.m. from June 3—October 14. Visit the Farmers' Market website: <https://justeatlocal.wordpress.com/> or the Farmers' Market Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Farmers.Mkt>.

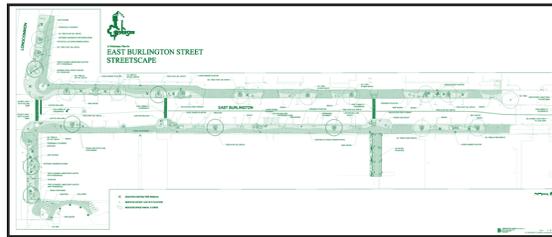
**Historic Walking Tours**—sponsored by the Frederick Law Olmsted Society depart the Riverside Train Station at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 20 and October 25. Please visit the <http://www.olmstedsociety.org/> for more information.

**Cruise Nights & Car Show**—Riverside Garage will once again host Cruise Nights in downtown Riverside on Thursdays June 11, July 9 and August 13 and a Car Show on Sunday, September 27.

**Independence Day Celebration**—Kick off the holiday weekend with friends and neighbors at the annual Concert in Guthrie Park on Friday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. Run in the Independence Day 5K and attend the Parade and post-parade Celebration.

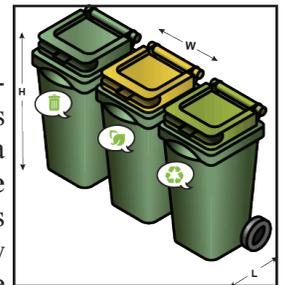
## Burlington Streetscape Update

Construction for the East Burlington Streetscape and Resurfacing Project will begin in August. This project includes installing paver brick sidewalks, raised planters, benches, trash receptacles and new landscaping from Longcommon to the Green Parking Lot and resurfacing the entire length of East Burlington from Longcommon to Harlem Avenue. Construction on the streetscape portion of the project will happen first with the road resurfacing being the last part of the project. Construction will begin on the north side of the street by the St. Mary's parking lot and work its way counterclockwise towards Longcommon and back along the south side of the street to the green parking lot. The road and businesses will remain open throughout construction. Please make sure to support our downtown businesses during construction! The Village received grants that will pay for more than half of the project from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.



## Refuse Collection Update

On June 1, 2015, the Village's refuse collection contract transitioned from Republic Services to Flood Brothers. All residents should have received a new 65 gallon green refuse container with a black lid from Flood Brothers. **Refuse, recycling and yard waste will now be collected on Thursdays.** Please visit the Flood Brothers website: <http://floodbrothersdisposal.com/> to learn more about our new contractor. If you have questions regarding the new service, please call Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400.



## Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) Backflow Requirements

A major safety threat to the public water supply is the back flow or siphoning of contaminants into the water system. Each property owner in the Village of Riverside with an underground lawn irrigation system is required to have a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer valve (RPZ) installed on the system. In addition, any type of property or business, whether it be retail, industrial, or medical, that may utilize any type hazardous materials in its operation must, by statute, have their water supply line isolated with an RPZ device.

To provide continued assurance that no contaminants are drawn back into the public water supply, every installed RPZ must be inspected on an annual basis by a licensed plumber and a certified copy of the inspection provided to the Riverside Department of Public Works. The annual inspection is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Plumbing Code and the Riverside Municipal Code. Inspections must be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Director of Public Works is authorized to disconnect the property's water supply for non-compliance with these regulations. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 708-442-3590 with any questions regarding these regulations.

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## Vehicle Stickers and Dog Licenses

Renewal forms were 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.

## Property Maintenance

Property owners are responsible for keeping their landscape neatly trimmed. Grass must be regularly mowed and bushes and trees trimmed so as not to create a hazard for pedestrians or cars. Please remember that it is your responsibility to trim any bushes and tree limbs on your property that hang into a neighbor's yard.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be in a covered container stored in an area not visible from the public right-of-way. Containers may be placed at the curb after 4:00 p.m. the day before pick up. Construction and household debris also may not be placed on the curb before 4:00 p.m. the day before pick up. As of June 1, 2015, refuse, recycling and yard waste will be collected by Flood Brothers on Thursdays. **No refuse should be placed at the curb prior to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.**



Homes which are painted must be maintained in good condition. Peeling paint must be scraped and repainted in a timely manner. There is no ordinance in the Village of Riverside which legislates what color a home may be painted. Paint color is a matter for the individual property owner to decide.

Each structure to which a street number has been assigned must have the street number displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the public right-of-way. All numbers must be in Arabic numerals at least four (4) inches in height and one-half (1/2) inch wide. Having legible numbers is a matter of safety. The absence of a legible address may delay an emergency response.

## Building Permits: Frequently Asked Questions

Building permits are required by the Village as a means of protection. Permits establish objective criteria and standard practices to protect both property owners, residents, neighbors and the general public. The permit process insures that contractors are properly licensed and bonded; that work complies with building and life safety codes; that quality work is done throughout the village; and that appropriate building setbacks are maintained and property lines are not compromised.

**When is a permit required?** All building and construction projects (including alterations, repairs and demolitions) that cost more than \$500 require a permit prior to work beginning. When the work being done is cosmetic only, permits are not required. This includes painting, carpeting, tile work, refinishing hardwood floors, and sealing driveways. Most electrical and plumbing work requires a permit. Please call the Building Department at 708-447-1241 if you are unsure if a permit is required.

**What is the cost of a permit?** Building permit fees vary depending on the cost of the project, inspections required and plan review costs. Some projects will also require a right-of-way deposit that will be refunded once the project is complete and the curbs, sidewalks, and parkway are restored to their original condition. If the value of the work being done does not exceed \$7,500, the cost of the permit is \$75. Prices increase \$15 for every \$1,000 in value in excess of that.

**How long is a permit valid?** Permits are valid for 18 months from the date of issue. The job must be started while the permit is valid. If for some reason the job cannot be started while the permit is valid, please contact the Building Department to request an extension in writing.

### **What information do I need to submit to apply for a permit?**



- A completed Building Permit Application (must include a list of all contractors/sub contractors)
- A signed Minimum Building Requirements Agreement (two pages) if applicable
- A copy of the signed contract between the property owner and the general contractor **OR** signed contracts with each contractor and sub-contractor showing the scope of the work and the cost
- A Plat of Survey (for exterior work such as installation of a generator, fence, patio or addition)
- Three sets of architectural-style construction plans
- Each contractor working on the job must be insured, bonded and licensed to work in the Village. The Building Department will verify insurance, bond and license status. Property owners may opt to perform their own home improvements; however, they must still obtain a Building Permit and sign a Homeowner Waiver which requires the property owner to hire a licensed contractor if their work does not pass inspection upon completion.