



Riverside Review

August / September 2017

Village of Riverside

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Riverside, IL 60546
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www.riverside.il.us

Community Dev. 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

EMERGENCY 911

Flood Brothers 630-261-0400
ComEd 800-334-7661
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Village President

Benjamin Sells

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Village Manager

Jessica Frances

Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
August 3, August 17
September 7, September 21

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

August

08 Board of Fire & Police, 7:00
08 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
10 Police Pension, 8:00 AM
10 Preservation Comm., 7:00
14 Riverside TV Commission, 7:00
17 Code Enforcement, 5:30
17 Police Adjudication, 6:00
23 Planning and Zoning 7:00

September

11 Riverside TV Commission, 7:00
12 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
14 Economic Development, 7:00
18 Historical Commission, 7:00
20 Safe Environment, 7:00
21 Code Enforcement, 5:30
21 Police Adjudication, 6:00
25 Parks & Recreation, 6:30
27 Planning and Zoning, 7:00

Please call 708-447-2700 ext. 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend. For more information, please visit www.riverside.il.us.

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Safe and proper disposal of household hazardous waste is important to protect the environment we live in. Typical household hazardous waste items include: anti-freeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury, compact florescent lamps and light bulbs. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) provides two permanent long-term collection facilities in Northeastern Illinois.

◆ In Chicago at 1150 N. North Branch Street—312-744-7672. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.; Thursdays from 2:00—7:00 p.m. and the 1st Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

◆ In Naperville at 156 Fort Hill Drive—630-420-6095. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Earth 911 website (earth911.com) is an extremely helpful resource for information regarding safe disposal or recycling of unwanted items. In addition to providing a comprehensive recycling guide and recycling search engine, the website also provides information on topics such as eco-technology, tips for home and garden and living a sustainable lifestyle.



Electric Aggregation Update

At their June 15, 2017, Regular Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees authorized the renewal of the village's electric aggregation program. Dynegy will continue to provide electricity to participating Riverside utility customers for the next 14 months at a guaranteed rate of \$.07256 per kilowatt hour. This rate represents 100% renewable "green" energy via the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits for all power consumed by residents and small businesses enrolled in the program. For more information, please contact Dynegy Energy Services at 844-351-7691. ComEd is still responsible for delivering electricity to Riverside utility customers. To report an electrical outage, or for questions pertaining to your electric bill, call ComEd at 800-334-7661.



Riverside Wear is Now Available!

Do you love The Village in the Forest? Show your hometown pride with Riverside Wear! The village now has polo shirts, canvas tote bags and lapel pins sporting the new village logo available for purchase at the village office. The Titan Grey shirt has the new logo embroidered on the left chest. The sturdy natural canvas tote bag is embroidered with the logo on the side and has a contrasting black base to camouflage wear and tear. The lapel pin featuring the new logo is approximately 1 inch in diameter and is made of glossy enamel on silver metal. The shirt is available in men's sizes S—5XL and women's sizes XS—3XL for \$20. The tote bag is available for \$25, and the pin is available for \$3. Baseball caps will also be available soon!



Water Rate Increase

The Village of Riverside purchases water from the Village of McCook, which in turn purchases water from the City of Chicago. On May 23, the Village was notified that effective June 1, McCook would increase their water rate by 2.06% due to a rate increase implemented by the City of Chicago. Accordingly, at their July 15, Regular Meeting, the Village Board voted to increase the water rate charged to Riverside customers to cover the increased rate being charged by McCook. The Village's current water rate will increase from \$9.34 to \$9.57 per unit (100 cubic feet), an increase of \$.23 per unit (100 cubic feet) or 2.46%. The Village's current sewer rate will increase from \$1.75 to \$1.79 per unit (100 cubic feet), an increase of \$.04 per unit (100 cubic feet) or 2.29%.

Sign Up for Email Notifications Today!

Please visit the new village website at www.riverside.il.us and click on **Connect** to sign up for the **Riverside Alert System**, create an account in **Riverside Responds** or sign up for **Email Notifications** for upcoming meetings and community events.

Upcoming Events

Summer is in full swing in Riverside with August and September events to look forward to.

August 10—Cruise Night on Burlington Street

August 12—Riverside Township Trip to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield

August 17—Movie Night at Big Ball Park

August 19—Cori's Kids Triathlon

August 20—Wright Ride

August 21—Great American Eclipse of 2017—Be sure to wear your eclipse glasses!

August 27—Olmsted Society Walking Tour—South

September 8—RIV-inia Concert in Guthrie Park

September 17—Olmsted Society Walking Tour—North

September 21—Touch a Truck at Centennial Plaza

September 24—Car Show in Centennial Plaza and Guthrie Park



And don't forget
the **Farmers' Market:**
Wednesdays
2:30—7:00 p.m.

New Pet Regulations in Effect

Historically, the Village has not imposed a limit on the number of pets a resident can have in their home; however, in recent years, the Village has seen an increase in complaints involving companion animals. In response to concerns expressed by residents and several recent serious animal bite incidents, the Village Board directed staff to review and update regulations pertaining to animals in the Village of Riverside. As part of their deliberations regarding animal regulations, the Board decided to implement a limit of 5 registered pets per household. Residents are now required to register both dogs and cats and there can be a combined total of 5 cats and/or dogs per household. This regulation is in keeping with restrictions imposed by neighboring communities. Changes were also made to the procedure for declaring a pet dangerous or vicious. These changes are intended to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors to the Village of Riverside.



Important MWRD Update

The final phase of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) will be operational this fall. When it becomes operational, the McCook Reservoir will provide 3.5 billion gallons of storage for combined sewer outflow. When completed, the reservoir will have a total capacity of 10 billion gallons.

The McCook Reservoir is the last of three reservoirs to be constructed to protect area waterways from pollution and mitigate flooding. The reservoir will provide an average of \$143 million per year in flood damage reduction benefits to 3,100,000 people in Chicago and 36 other communities, including Riverside.



TARP is the country's largest public works project for pollution and flood control, covering a 375-mile area that includes Chicago and 51 suburbs relying on a combined sewer and storm water collection system. The 109-mile network of tunnel systems, which capture 2.3 billion gallons of water 150 to 300 feet below ground, was completed in 2006. The Majewski Reservoir was completed in 1998 and the Thornton Reservoir was completed in 2015. When complete, the McCook Reservoir will replace Thornton as the largest reservoir of its kind in the world.

The MWRD is offering guided tours of the giant limestone reservoir. Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the MWRD's Mainstream Pumping Station. The tours will give visitors a complete overview of the TARP system and how it functions to improve local water quality and mitigate flooding throughout Cook County.

Tours kick off at the Mainstream Pumping Station, 6100 River Rd., in Hodgkins, IL. Visitors can view interactive displays and watch videos of TARP construction. Buses will then transport visitors for a guided tour of the McCook Reservoir.

Tours are being offer on the following Sundays: August 6, August 27, September 17, September 24, October 1 and October 15, between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each tour takes approximately two hours. Please wear sturdy footwear; no sandals, high heels, shorts or dresses allowed. To reserve space on one of the tour dates, please call 312-751-6632 or email tours@mwrdd.org.

Help us Help You: The Importance of Address Numbers

Please help our first responders help you. When Fire and Police personnel are responding to an emergency, they need to find your house. Please make sure your house numbers are large enough to be visible from the street and not blocked by trees or shrubs. All buildings must display their address so that it is easily read from the street. All numbers must be a minimum of 4 inches in height and should be in Arabic numerals rather than written out in cursive.