

Riverside Review

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Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

April 6

Board of Trustees, 7:30

April 20

Board of Trustees, 7:30

May 4

Board of Trustees, 7:30

May 18

Board of Trustees, 7:30

Commission Meetings

April 2009

02 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30

09 Preservation Comm., 7:30

13 Cable Commission, 7:00

14 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00

17 Plan Commission, 7:00

16 Police Adjudication, 6:30

21 Plan Commission., 7:30

27 Parks & Rec Brd., 7:00

28 Historical Commission, 7:00

Zoning Board of Appeals –As called

May 2009

07 Police Pension, 8:00 am

07 Economic Dev Comm., 7:30

11 Cable Commission, 7:30

12 Fire & Police Comm., 7:00

12 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:30

14 Preservation Comm., 7:30

19 Plan Commission, 7:30

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

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

New B-1 Zoning Code Approved

On Tuesday, March 3, the Riverside Village Board approved the revised B-1 zoning code. This was the final step in a lengthy comprehensive review of the Village of Riverside Zoning Code. The revised B-1 Zoning Ordinance is posted on the Village website at www.riverside.il.us. Highlights of the ordinance include:

Height - Currently, buildings in the B-1 district are permitted to be up to a maximum of 27 feet to the interior ceiling; this measurement was difficult to ascertain and an out-dated method to measure height. With the revision, buildings are permitted to be only three stories, but may request a fourth story through the special use process. A special use process involves more public input and can stipulate conditions or design enhancements if the additional height is considered.

Live Entertainment - Live entertainments is now more restricted than it has been in the past. It is now only permitted as an accessory use to restaurants or taverns and requires a special use in order to occur.

Taverns - Taverns will now be limited in their location. They will not be allowed adjacent to or across the street from residential homes. This restriction effectively restricts taverns to be located on the south side of Burlington and on the corner of 26th Street & Harlem Avenue.

The process to revise the entire zoning code has been a lengthy one. By way of background: after an extensive selection process in 2001, Camiros, Ltd. was selected to assist in the technical aspects and drafting of the code updates. They had significant experience in working in established communities like Riverside. The first priority of the Plan Commission was to address the Central Business District (CBD) zoning; this area required special treatment to achieve redevelopment in character with the existing buildings. The Residential section of the code, which is by far the largest aspect of the document, was adopted with little fanfare. The remaining outdated section was the B-1 code. This seven-year effort to update an outdated code has been comprehensive. The new regulations reflect new development and construction techniques and will serve Riverside for many years by protecting its character and open space.

Changes Made to Zoning Map

The Riverside Village Board approved changes to the Riverside Zoning Map during a meeting on March 23. The changes rezoned several addresses from a residential zoning to a B-1 zoning classification. These zoning map changes had been contemplated by the Plan Commission and the Village Board during the numerous meetings and hearings related to the B-1 Zoning District revisions over the past two years.

The properties rezoned to the B-1 classification include: 3144-3150 Harlem, 3200 Harlem, 3700-3704 Harlem, and 7234 Ogden Avenue. All subject parcels are adjacent to the existing B-1 District and are currently being used for business purposes (or mixed use) that are permitted in the B-1 district.

Public Improvements Update

The Village has two large public improvement projects scheduled for 2009. Construction on the first, the Centennial Plaza project, will begin in early July and is expected to be complete in early September, and landscaping installation next spring. This project is intended to complement the Water Tower Restoration efforts that were completed in 2005. Specifically, the project provides for the elimination of the access road adjacent to the water tower, new landscaping, and new pavement surfaces to East Avenue and Pine Avenue. The project will conclude the multi-year effort to improve the area. Plans for the project are available for viewing on the Village website.



The second major project scheduled for this year is the replacement of the Northgate water main. This project will begin in July and is expected to be complete by October. The Village will be replacing 2,700 ft of 4" water main, approximately 80 years old, with a new 10" ductile iron main. This is a much needed improvement, and is a part of the Village's continued effort to retire all 4" mains. This project is also being coordinated with the Riverside's Street Improvement Program. In 2010 Northgate Rd will be repaved and driveway aprons repaired.

For more information about either project, visit www.riverside.il.us/currentprojects, or contact the Public Works Department at 442-3590.

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.

Dog Ownership Reminders

In Riverside, it is not uncommon to see dogs playing in the park or walking with their owner along our beautiful streets or playing in their yard. Those are wonderful sights because everyone loves dogs. Or do they? Of course, not everyone loves dogs and feels comfortable around them. To ensure that everyone is able to comfortably enjoy our beautiful community, the Village of Riverside has ordinances to protect the health and safety of all our residents. We offer the following reminders of Riverside's dog-related ordinances and encourage all pet owners to be *responsible* pet owners.

- **When walking your dog, remember that the dog *must* be on a leash.** Letting your dog walk unleashed does not allow any control over your animal should something frighten or startle him. Other people do not know your dog and should feel safe when out enjoying our village sites and parks. Similarly, dogs must be on a leash if on private property but accessible to the public (on a front porch, in the front yard, etc.).
- **Even when on a leash, dogs are not permitted on Village tennis courts, baseball fields, or tot lots.** This is a matter of public health and safety.
- **Please pick up after your dog.** Dog owners are required to immediately remove excrement left by their dog from any public way or property not owned by the dog owner. The fine for neglecting to do so can range from \$25 to \$500, with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses.
- **Owners of dogs who bark excessively may be fined.** Dogs bark. However, dogs are not permitted to violate the "quiet of another person or neighborhood." The Police Department investigates all complaints of excessive dog barking. Owners of dogs who are found to be disturbing the quiet of others or the neighborhood may be fined from \$25 to \$100 per day.
- **The Village of Riverside requires all dogs to have a Village-issued license tag and to wear a collar at all times.** Dog tags must be purchased once a dog reaches six months of age and annually thereafter prior to June 30. The current rate for a dog tag is \$7.50 if purchased on or prior to June 30, or \$10 if purchased after June 30. *Dog owners must present copies of the dog's rabies inoculation papers in order to receive a dog tag.* The inoculation papers must include the serial number of the inoculation as well as the date it was given.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes

Curbside yard waste collection resumes April 7. As a reminder, yard waste is picked up at the curb on Tuesdays only. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up. Landscape waste that is too bulky for disposal in paper bags, including brush and other branches which are 4 inches in diameter or less, may be securely tied in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length and 60 pounds.

Electronics Recycling Event – April 24 & 25

The West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency are holding an Electronics Recycling Event at Triton College on April 24 and 25. The event will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on both days. This is a FREE EVENT for area residents. For a complete list of items that can be recycled, please go to www.westcook.org.

Vehicle Safety Tips

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- ALWAYS lock car doors, even in your driveway.
- NEVER leave valuables in plain sight inside the car. This is an invitation to a criminal.
- Valuables should not be stored in vehicles. Most insurance companies will not cover anything that is not attached to the vehicle.
- When shopping, store packages in the trunk, out of sight.

Preventing Vehicle Theft

- Take your keys. One out of every five vehicles stolen had the keys in it.
- Lock your car. Approximately half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your car. Extra keys can easily be found if a thief takes time to look.
- Park in Well-Lighted Areas.
- Park in attended lots. Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
- If you park in an attended lot, leave only the ignition/door key. If your trunk and glove box use the same key as the door, have one of them changed. Don't give the attendant easy access to your glove box and trunk. Upon returning, check the tires, spare and battery to insure they are the same as those you had when you parked.
- Never leave your car running, even if you'll only be gone for a minute. Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATM's, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.
- Completely close car windows when parking. Don't make it any easier for the thief to enter your vehicle.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view. Don't make your car a more desirable target for thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.

