

Riverside Review

June / July 2011

Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

June 6

June 20

July 18

Commission Meetings

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02 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30
09 Preservation Comm., 7:30
13 Cable Commission, 7:30
14 Landscape Adv Comm., 7:00
21 Plan Commission, 7:30
16 Police Adjudication, 6:30
27 Parks & Rec Bd., 7:00
28 Historical Comm., 7:00
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*Please call 708-447-2700 x254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.

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

2011 Independence Day Festivities

Come out and celebrate America's day of independence with your friends and neighbors at the 33rd annual Riverside Independence Day festivities. Bring out the red, white and blue as we share our pride in Riverside and our great Nation.

Sunday, July 3rd (Guthrie Park)

6:00pm: Opening Ceremonies

6:15pm: Concert in the Park—Navy Band Great Lakes, Sinful Saints & Butter Side Down

Monday, July 4th

7:30am: Independence Day 5K Run (Water Tower)

8:15am: Parade assembly (Big Ball Park)

8:45am: Parade Begins



Vehicle Sticker Reminder

Vehicle stickers are on sale now! All vehicles that are registered to a Riverside address *or* housed in Riverside are required to have a current vehicle sticker. Stickers must be purchased and displayed no later than June 30, 2011. Stickers purchased starting Friday, July 1, 2011 will incur a \$10 late penalty, with the penalty increasing by an additional \$10 per month.

You can renew your vehicle sticker on-line (www.riverside.il.us) if there are no changes to your vehicle. You can also renew through the mail, in person at the Village Office, or use the silver drop box outside the Township Hall. Offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and Saturdays in June from 9 a.m. – noon.

New this year: If you have sold or disposed of a vehicle, you must provide proof of disposal, such as a bill of sale or report from your insurance company. If the vehicle is no longer registered in Riverside, you can provide your current secretary of state license plate registration showing a non-Riverside address. NOTE: If you keep the vehicle elsewhere, such as a second home or with a college student, but the vehicle is still registered in Riverside, you must purchase a Riverside vehicle sticker.

If you plan to renew in person, please remember to bring your preprinted renewal form to expedite the renewal process. If you do not bring your preprinted renewal form, staff is required to confirm whether payment for prior year stickers is also due. This will delay processing.

Riverside Farmers Market Returns



The Riverside farmers Market will return in a new location this summer! The market will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Township Hall and the Riverside Public Library from June 29 - October 26, 2011.

Community Groups: If you are interested in participating in the market, please complete the enrollment form available on the Village website and return it to the village office as soon as possible.

Dog Ownership Reminders

- **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.

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.

Propane Safety

The leading cause of LP-gas home structure fires is a grill, hibachi, or barbecue.

Facts & figures

- U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 1,170 home structure fires involving LP-gas in 2003-2007. These fires resulted in 34 civilian deaths, 135 civilian injuries and \$48 million in direct property damage.
- Spark, ember or flame operating equipment was the leading heat source for LP-gas home structure fires.
- The Riverside Fire Department urges residents to use caution when grilling this summer. If you have fire safety questions, please call the non-emergency number of the Riverside Fire Department: 447-2127.



- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions when lighting a pilot.
- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside the home.

Help Beautify Riverside Adopt A Planting Bed or Triangle



The Landscape Advisory Commission has been working with volunteers in the Central Business District and other parts of the village to beautify some of the beds through weeding, mulching and in some cases planting. Volunteers have been working in the Central Business District, at the Library and Village Hall, along Riverside Road, at the Bartram and Northgate triangle and at the Longcommon and Kent triangle. This is an opportunity to meet some of your neighbors and improve our community. If you are interested in joining a work group or forming your own, please contact the Village Office at 447-2700.

Burglary Prevention Tips

Recently, the Riverside Police Department, in cooperation with the Riverside Safe Environment Commission, hosted the "Keepin' It Real" program from the Chicago Police Department. This program brought 6 convicted felons into Riverside to talk about residential burglary and what can be done to prevent it. The Riverside Police Department would like to remind you of the following tips to keeping Riverside a safe place to live, work and visit:

- Remember to keep your house, garage and vehicle locked and secured. Burglary to motor vehicle is a crime of opportunity and most car burglars will check door handles looking for open doors rather than breaking a window
- Keep an eye on your neighbor and neighborhood. All of the participants in the Keepin' It Real program said that the #1 deterrent to burglaries was a "nosy neighbor."
- Do not allow anyone into your home that you do not know or did not invite.
- When in doubt, call us out. If something or someone seems suspicious, call the Riverside Police Department at 708-447-2127 or in case of emergency, 9-1-1.



With your help, we can prevent residential burglary in Riverside!

IMPORTANT BREAKING INFORMATION

The Riverside Police Department would like to warn the residents of an increase in ruse type burglaries that have occurred in the village during the month of May. These ruse type burglaries have been occurring on the east side of the Village of Riverside, just off of Harlem Avenue and all within a 1 hour time frame.

In these cases, a person wearing a hard hat/construction type hat and sometimes a yellow/green safety vest came to the house and once they made contact with the resident, advised them that they needed to check the water at the residence and requested the victim to leave the room or go downstairs into the basement to "check the water" or "bang on the water pipes." While the resident would be out of the room or in the basement, another person would enter the residence and remove cash and jewelry from the house and leave right away.

In two of the cases the male subject at the door "forced" his way inside of the house past the resident.

The Riverside Police Department is asking that if a suspicious person comes to your door asking about any type of water problems, electrical problems, fence problems, tree problems or any other unsolicited matters, please call 911 immediately. Also, if you see a suspicious person or persons in your yard or your neighbor's yard to call 911 right away. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the Riverside Police Department at 708-447-2127.

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