

# Riverside Review

June / July 2013

## 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  
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### Village President

Benjamin Sells

### Board of Trustees

Joseph A. Ballerine  
Patricia Collins  
Michael Foley  
Ellen Hamilton  
Douglas Pollock  
Jean Sussman

### Village Manager

Peter Scalera

### Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

### Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.  
June 6, June 20  
July 11, July 18

### Commission Meetings

#### June 2013

10 Cable Comm., 7:30  
11 Landscape Adv. Comm., 7:00  
13 Economic Dev. Comm., 7:30  
13 Preservation Comm., 7:30  
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Please call 708-447-2700  
ext. 254 to confirm the  
meeting you wish to attend.



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## New Village Board Sworn In



On May 6, Benjamin Sells was sworn in as Village President of Riverside along with newly elected Trustees Patricia Collins and Douglas Pollock. Newly appointed Trustee Michael Foley was also sworn in. Newly elected Trustee Ellen Hamilton was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later day. These individuals join current village board members Joseph Ballerine and Jean Sussman as your Village Board of Trustees. Be sure to tune into Riverside TV, Comcast Cable Channel 6 to watch the Village Board meetings live. Beginning in June, the Board will meet at 7:00p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in Room 4 of the Township Hall, 27 Riverside Road. The Public is welcome at all open meetings.

## Comprehensive Sewer Study

At their April 15 Regular Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees approved an agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire village sewer system. The purpose of the study is to identify deficiencies and establish a project priority list. The evaluation of the sewer system will confirm the existing capacities of sewers and identify system deficiencies likely to contribute to surcharging and associated problems. The report will be used to prioritize repair projects in association with sewer utility financial planning. The engineering firm expects to complete the project and present their findings to the Village Board by October.

## Time to Renew Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses

Renewal forms were mailed to residents on May 13. 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 village office. 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. All dogs must be licensed.



## The Farmers' Market Returns!

The market will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30—7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Library and the Township Hall. Many of your favorite vendors are returning and we will welcome several exciting new vendors for the 2013 season. For the most up-to-date information on the market, please visit: [JUSTEATLOCAL.WORDPRESS.COM](http://JUSTEATLOCAL.WORDPRESS.COM). Updates are also available on the Farmers' Market facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Riverside.Farmers.Mkt](http://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Farmers.Mkt).

## Upcoming Summer Events

Mark your calendars for summer fun in Riverside. The Riverside Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor three Cruise Nights and a fantastic Car Show. The Cruise Nights will be held on Thursdays, June 13, July 11 and August 8. The Car Show will be held on Sunday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Chamber will also host their annual Steak Fry on Friday, June 21 on East Avenue.

Break out the red, white and blue for Independence Day in Riverside. The Parks & Recreation Department along with Riverside Friends of the Fourth will once again host a concert in Guthrie Park on July 3, and a 5K Run and Parade, followed by a festival in Guthrie Park on July 4. Visit the village website for details.

**Sign up for the E-flash today! Visit the website for details.**

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](http://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.

## *Bicycle Safety*



Picture this, you're leaving a local restaurant in the Central Business District after a delicious meal. As you leave the establishment, you glance to your left and realize that you're on a collision course with a young bicyclist who's speeding toward you down the sidewalk. You jump backwards and manage to avoid being hit by the bicycle rider, but both of you are shocked and frightened by the experience. Unfortunately, this scenario plays out on a regular basis because many people are unaware that it is unlawful to ride a bicycle or skateboard on the public sidewalk in the Central Business District. Bicyclists are required to share the street with motorists in the Central Business District or walk their bicycles on the sidewalk. Whether you're walking, riding a bike or driving a vehicle, please be considerate of those around you. With the onset of warmer weather, there will be more pedestrians and bicyclists in the village and we all need to share the road. Some things to remember when riding a bike:

- Bicyclists must stop at stop signs.
- When riding at night, a bicycle light is required.
- Helmets are the best protection from head injuries when riding a bike. Always wear your helmet and make sure your children wear helmets too.

For more information on bicycle safety and rules of the road, please visit the Illinois Department of Transportation website at [www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikehome.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikehome.html).

## *Property Transfer Requirements*

Riverside Village Code Section 4-1-6(B) requires that property owners obtain a Certificate of Compliance whenever title is transferred for a structure, building or dwelling unit, whether or not there is monetary consideration. The expense is the seller's responsibility, and the Certificate of Compliance must be given to the new owner at the time of closing.



An inspection of the property is required for interior and exterior. A stamped copy of the Plat of Survey is required which is no older than six months. The survey must be submitted no later than one week before closing.

### **What does the inspector look for?**

The Compliance Officer checks to see if there is anything about the property that might not meet with the current zoning ordinances. (This is not a homeowner's inspection which checks for problems with the building, such as roof leaks, electrical or furnace problems.)

### **What if something on the property doesn't comply?**

Anything about the property that doesn't comply with current zoning ordinances will be noted on the Certificate of Compliance. More than likely no corrective action will be required before the property is sold, but this is a way to inform the new owner of any items that are non-conforming to the zoning code. If the new owner wants to make alterations in the future, the items will have to be brought into compliance with our current ordinances.

For example, currently a driveway for a detached garage can be no wider than 10 feet. If the existing driveway is wider than 10 feet, it would be noted on the Certificate of Compliance. Then if the new owner wanted to replace the driveway, it would have to be reduced in size to the required 10 foot width.

### **What happens during the inspection?**

The Compliance Officer checks the property for setbacks, width of driveways, and any accessory structures (sheds, garages, etc.) He walks through the inside of the property to verify that it complies with zoning uses, such as single family home, multi-family building, commercial, etc. At the same time, the final water meter reading is taken.

### **When does the inspection take place?**

The Compliance inspection will be scheduled for approximately one week before closing, but you should call to make the appointment as soon as you have a closing date. We need the name of the current owner, the name of the buyer, and a contact person who we will call if we have questions and to notify when the Certificate of Compliance is ready to be picked up. You need to call the Building Department at (708) 447-1241 to set up the inspection date. You will be given an exact day and time for this inspection.

### **How much does this cost?**

The cost depends on the type of property in question. The cost for a single family dwelling is \$175.00 plus the final water bill. Also added to the cost are any fees owed to the Village of Riverside, such as parking tickets or municipal fines. If you have any outstanding building permits, final inspections should also be arranged.

If you have any questions, or if you need to schedule an appointment for a compliance inspection, please call the Building Department at 708-447-1241.