



Village of Riverside

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Village Clerk
Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

April 2 *, April 16
May 7, May 21

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

April 2020

09 Preservation Comm., 7:00 *
13 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00 *
14 Landscape Advisory, 7:00 *
16 Code Enforcement, 5:15 *
16 Police Adjudication, 6:00 *
20 Historical Commission, 7:00 *
22 Planning and Zoning 7:00 *

May 2020

11 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
12 Bd. of Fire & Police, 7:00
12 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
14 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am
14 Economic Development, 7:00
18 Historical Commission, 7:00
18 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
21 Code Enforcement, 5:15
21 Police Adjudication, 6:00
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.



A Message from President Sells

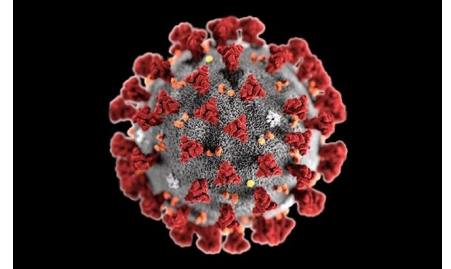
Dear Fellow Riversiders,

I want to thank everyone for making prudent decisions and necessary sacrifices during this time of national emergency. All of us are concerned for our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our local businesses. While we take the steps of social distancing, practicing proper hygiene, and contacting our doctor for guidance if ill, it is also important to recognize that the coronavirus challenge is also an opportunity. Even as we feel isolated by the threat of infection, we are also reminded that we are all mutually dependent on one another. This is our opportunity to balance fear with the comfort of community, and to remember that we have endured darker times. The sun always rises again.

Be careful, be reasonable, and be loving. Follow the science and listen to your doctors and trusted experts. Your village is being extremely proactive about this threat -- our public safety leaders are staying fully informed on both the spread of the virus and the current best practices to limit its spread. As a community and as a nation we will do what we have always done -- we will stand together in the face of adversity, guarded and encouraged by our better angels, and resolute in our common goal to emerge stronger and more united as a people. If you have questions or concerns about the village's preparations and response as we move forward please don't hesitate to contact me, Village Manager Jessica Frances, or Fire Chief Matt Buckley.

Ben Sells

Village President



COVID-19 Coronavirus Information

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from the COVID-19 virus. ALL RESIDENTS, especially seniors and anyone with underlying health issues, are urged to take the following steps to avoid exposure to the virus. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person; either between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), or through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Take steps to protect yourself and others and slow the spread

- Wash your hands often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and keep a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue and immediately put the tissue in the trash.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, door knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Obey shelter in place orders.

[Visit the village website for additional information and COVID-19 updates.](#)

Sign Up for Email Notifications Today!

Please visit the 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.

Census 2020—More Important than Ever



The importance of participating in the 2020 Census cannot be overstated. A complete and accurate count is particularly important to Riverside in the areas of state tax and federal funding distribution, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no doubt that the pandemic will have long lasting impacts on our lives and our economy and underrepresentation in the Census will have long lasting negative impacts on our region's recovery. More than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities every year based on population counts reported during the Census. Underrepresentation will result in less federal funding for projects that benefit Riverside residents and local businesses. [Please respond to the Census online.](#) Don't delay!

Upcoming Meetings and Community Events

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is possible, even likely, that upcoming village meetings and community events will be cancelled or rescheduled in the coming months in order to slow the spread of the virus and protect residents and visitors to the village. Any meeting listed on the prior page of this newsletter that is followed by an asterisk (*) is likely to be cancelled; however, no final decisions have been made as of this printing. Please check the village website or call the office at (708) 447-2700 to inquire about a meeting you are interested in attending.



Yard Waste and Composting Collections resume Thursday, April 2, 2020!



New Water & Sewer Rate

At their February 6, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees approved an ordinance increasing the water & sewer rate for the Village of Riverside. There are many factors that made this increase necessary such as increases in personnel costs including collective bargaining agreements, insurance and pension costs and the water and sewer fund paying a proportional share of administrative staff costs. The total annual bill, based on minimum usage, will increase 3.53% or \$18.60 annually. The total average annual bill is expected to increase 4.34% or \$40.92, based upon an average usage of 11 units per bimonthly bill.

Lawn Irrigation Systems

In order to meet state mandates, the Department of Public Works keeps a list of all residential properties with lawn irrigation systems (underground sprinklers). By law, any homeowner with underground lawn irrigation is required to have a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) backflow preventer valve and it must be inspected annually. This inspection insures that no contaminated water will flow back into the Village's potable water supply. Residents must obtain a permit to install an underground irrigation system. The Public Works Department will be sending out the annual inspection reminder in the coming weeks. Residents should provide the department with a copy of their current annual RPZ inspection prior to July 1, 2020.

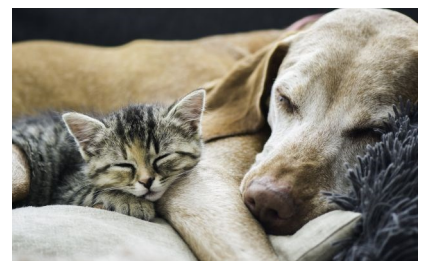
Time to Renew Vehicle and Pet Licenses

Vehicle stickers and pet tags for 2020—2021 will soon be available. Renewal applications will be mailed mid-May. If you come to the office to purchase your stickers, **PLEASE BRING YOUR RENEWAL PAPERWORK WITH YOU.** Residents may remit forms and payment for vehicle stickers and pet licenses in person, by mail or in the drop box in front of the Township Hall. Online renewal for vehicle licenses is also available.

If there are no changes to the vehicles for your household, please consider renewing your vehicle stickers online. There is no additional fee for processing your renewals online. Payments will be accepted online until Tuesday, June 30 at 11:59 p.m. Online renewals of vehicle stickers will begin after forms are mailed out. Residents may drop off applications and payments in the silver drop box in front of the Township Hall (no postage necessary). Payments will be accepted and considered on time as long as they have been placed in the lock box prior to 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, when the office opens for the day. Residents may also mail applications and payments to the Village. Mail must arrive prior to July 1 to avoid the \$10 late fee.

All vehicles registered to a Riverside address or housed in the village require a village vehicle sticker. A \$10 late fee will apply to all applications received after the office opens on Monday, July 1.

Online renewal of pet licenses is not available at this time. Pet licenses must be purchased at the Village Office and proof of a current rabies vaccination must accompany the application. If the rabies inoculation on your pre-printed pet license renewal expires prior to June 30, 2020, please bring in proof of a current rabies inoculation.



PLEASE be a responsible pet owner. Dogs and cats must not be allowed to roam unsupervised. Pets must be on a leash when they are accessible to the public. Pet owners must clean up after their animals.