



Village of Riverside

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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
PD/FD Dispatch **708-853-1384**
Pay-by-Phone 855-895-2537

EMERGENCY 911

Flood Brothers 630-261-0400
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Village Manager

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Village Clerk

Cathy Haley

Village Board Meetings

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

June 4, June 18

July 2, July 16

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

June 2020

08 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00 *
09 Landscape Advisory, 7:00 *
11 Preservation Comm., 7:00 *
15 Historical Commission, 7:00 *
18 Code Enforcement, 5:15 *
18 Police Adjudication, 6:00 *
24 Planning and Zoning 7:00 *

July 2020

09 Economic Development, 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
27 Parks & Recreation, 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.

*Due to COVID-19, some meetings may be held by teleconference or Zoom.



Village Offices Reopen to the Public

In the coming weeks, following the guidelines for the State of Illinois, village offices will begin to open to the public. Due to the fluid nature of this situation, the following guidelines may change as more information is provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Please go to the village website to confirm that the office is open and the hours of operation. For your health and safety and that of our employees, please adhere to the following guidelines when you enter the Village Office.



- ◆ Put on a **mask** before entering the building.
- ◆ Maintain **physical distance** of at least 6 feet.
- ◆ Because the foyer of the Village Office is so small, there will be a **limit of one person** at the Cashier window and one person and the Building Department window. If the window you need is occupied, please wait outside of the foyer in the hallway and maintain proper social distance until the window becomes available.
- ◆ Staff will sanitize doorknobs and counter areas frequently throughout the day. For your safety, **hand sanitizer** will be provided in the lobby and office foyer for your use.
- ◆ Please **stay home if you are feeling ill** or displaying any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches or headache. If you are experiencing these symptoms, please contact your doctor.

The Village has alternate payment options available including online payments and pay-by-phone so there is no need to come into the office if you would prefer not to or are unable to comply with the health and safety guidelines above.

- ◆ **Water bill payments are accepted by phone at 855-895-2537.** Acceptable forms of payment are credit card, debit card or check. You will need your account number, the amount you wish to pay and your credit or debit card number. If you choose to pay by check, you will need your bank routing number and checking account number.
- ◆ **Water bills, building permits and vehicle stickers can be paid online.** Simply hover over the "PAY" option just below the search bar on the home page. Select the type of payment you wish to make and click. If you are using the One Time Payment option, type in your water account number then click on the **bolded account number** that appears to open your account. Your PIN number is found just below your account number on your bill.
- ◆ **The drop box in front of the Township Hall is always available** for your payments by check and is emptied several times a day. Please do not put cash in the drop box.
- ◆ Please use the drop box to pay for your vehicle stickers if you need to make a change to your renewal form. We will mail your sticker to you.

If you have any questions, or need assistance using these alternate payment options, please call the office at 708-447-2700. We are here to help you during these trying times.



Farmers' Market Opening Day!

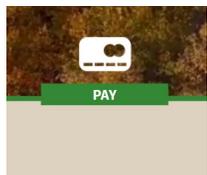


Opening day of the Riverside Farmers' Market is scheduled for June 17 with limited vendor participation. The market will be held near the Water Tower with limited entry near Pine Avenue. It is strongly encouraged that only one family member per household attend. If children must accompany a parent, they must not be left unattended. All patrons will be required to wear a mask. Ordering ahead of time with your vendor is encouraged. This will be more of a "Grab & Go" format than what we are used to. Your support of the markets' rules and regulations is appreciated.

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.

Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses: Renewal Period Extended to July 31



There will be no over-the-counter sales of vehicle stickers or pet licenses this year.

Please visit the Village website to purchase your vehicle stickers and pet licenses online. This convenient option will soon be available for renewals, new vehicles and pet licenses. Once you receive your renewal application, hover over the “PAY” link on the homepage to select the appropriate option and start your online transaction. You may also leave your paperwork and a check in the silver lock box in front of the building or mail in your paperwork and payment. Whether you renew online, by mail or through the drop box, we will mail your stickers and tags to you, even if you come into the office to pay. The purpose of this change in procedure is to prevent a situation where people are standing in line in close proximity to one another.

Independence Day 5K and Parade Updates

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Parks & Recreation Department’s 42nd Annual Independence Day 5K will be a virtual race this year. All registered participants will receive a limited edition virtual 5K shirt. Racers can run anytime between June 4 and July 7 and share their results by email. Visit the village website to register online.



All residents and business owners are encouraged to decorate their homes and places of business for the holiday. Instead of gathering on Longcommon to watch the annual parade on July 4, a **First Responder Parade** will wind its way through the village to bring the parade to residents. Instead of filming the parade as they usually do, Riverside TV will be part of the parade and will film you, the residents, to document this unprecedented event. Show your patriotism by staying home and letting the parade come to you this year!

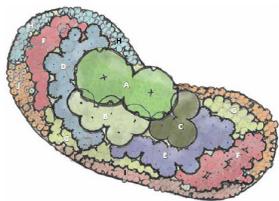
2020 Census Update

As of this printing, Riverside’s self-response rate for the 2020 Census is 78.3%. Thank you to everyone who has already responded! In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Census Bureau has adjusted operations to protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees while ensuring a complete and accurate count of all communities. If you have not already responded to the 2020 Census, there is still time to do so!

If you’re not comfortable responding online, you may respond by phone. Just call 844-330-2020. The Census Bureau is offering a callback option to better respond during periods of high call volume. Simply provide your preferred phone number and time of day for a return call, and an official census representative will call you back to collect your response to the 2020 Census questions. All responses are kept confidential. The 2020 Census caller will not ask about your financial information or Social Security number. If you think you missed a call from the Census Bureau or want to confirm the legitimacy of a call, call 844-809-7717 (English) or 844-809-7718 (Spanish) between 6:00 a.m. — 11:00 p.m. to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

Rain Gardens & Bioswales

According to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), rain gardens are vegetated depressions (small basins) that capture stormwater, allowing it to soak into the ground. They can typically be placed at a low point in your yard. Stormwater can be conveyed to a rain garden from downspouts or paved areas via pipes or vegetated swales (bioswales). Bioswales are trenches lined with vegetation that direct water to a different location, treating the water along the way. Rain gardens are typically designed to drain ponding water within 24 hours and are often planted with native vegetation that can survive inundation for that length of time. Rain gardens remove pollutants as water filters through the soil to replenish the groundwater. The native plants in them attract beneficial insects and pollinators and provide beautiful flower displays throughout the growing season.



The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is a great resource for rain garden plant suggestions. IDNR maintains a list of native plants on their website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/PlantListRainGarden.aspx. Many of these plants are well adapted to local conditions and support pollinators. This guide also provides native plant lists that are tailored to Cook County and the surrounding areas. These native plants do not grow very tall and should perform well in rain gardens. Other excellent local resources for information on native plants and natural landscapes are:

- ◆ West Cook Wild Ones, <https://westcook.wildones.org/>. West Cook Wild Ones typically hosts a native plant sale in the Spring and a native tree and shrub sale in the Fall.
- ◆ The University of Illinois Extension <https://extension.illinois.edu/cook/rain-gardens>

Please also visit the Village website to view or download MWRD’s Green Neighbor Guide to learn more about residential stormwater management projects for homeowners such as disconnecting downspouts, using rain barrels, installing permeable pavement and dry wells. Residents are also encouraged to view or download MWRD’s Understanding Your Sewer booklet to gain a better understanding of the village’s combined sewer system.