



Village of Riverside

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Village Board Meetings

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

April 1, April 15

May 6, May 20

Advisory Board & Commission Meetings

April

08 Preservation Comm 7:00
12 Riverside TV Comm. 7:00
13 Landscape Advisory 7:00
19 Historical Comm. 7:00
22 Code Enforcement 5:15
22 Police Adjudication 6:00
28 Planning and Zoning 7:00

May

10 Riverside TV Comm., 7:00
11 Bd. of Fire & Police, 7:00
11 Landscape Advisory, 7:00
13 Economic Development, 7:00
13 Police Pension Board, 8:00 am
17 Historical Commission, 7:00
24 Parks & Recreation, 7:00
26 Planning and Zoning, 7:00
27 Code Enforcement, 5:15
27 Police Adjudication, 6:00

Due to COVID-19, meetings may be held by Zoom. Please call 708-447-2700 ext. 254 to confirm the meeting you wish to attend.



A Message from President Sells



I want to thank my fellow Riversiders for your support over the last eight years. It has been an honor to serve as your president, and as a trustee and commissioner prior to that. When I was elected president, my only goal was to make Riverside a more beautiful place than it already was. I feel we have accomplished that together. From streamlining government, to making innovative infrastructure improvements, to emphasizing the importance of our natural environment, we have made great strides in the past eight years.

I have been blessed by the encouragement and wise counsel of my wife, Jill Mateo, who has been an integral part of the things we have accomplished. I am thankful to our commissions for their tireless efforts, and to the trustees who have done the heavy lifting, sometimes making difficult decisions when they were needed. And thank you to our village staff, led by the incomparable Jessica Frances, who have taken the village board's decisions and turned them into reality.

In the end, though, all government depends upon the citizens it serves. When you look around our village and see the changes from the past several years -- the Burlington Streetscape, the renovated Train Station, the sustainable parking lots, and the enduring beauty of our Olmstedian landscape -- that is your legacy. All any generation can do is try to leave a more beautiful world for the generations yet to come. In our little oasis we have done that these past eight years.

The future of our village is bright. The new village board, led by an exceptional public servant in President Joe Ballerine, will continue to nurture the organic growth of our village. Challenges are always opportunities, and I know that with your continuing support our village will make the most of them.

Thank you for honoring me with your trust. I look forward to continuing to serve in whatever manner I am needed.

COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments

Although it continues to be a challenge to get a vaccination appointment, the supply of vaccine is expected to increase significantly in the coming months. With vaccine allocations increasing, the Illinois Department of Public Health has launched a call center to bridge the digital divide and assist with vaccine appointments. The call center



is open 7 days a week from 6:00 a.m. to midnight. **The number to call is 833-621-1284.** The call center is intended to assist people who do not have access to or who are having difficulty navigating online services in making appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As Illinois begins to receive significantly more vaccine from the federal government and appointments become more widely available, this call center

will be critical in bridging the digital divide and ensuring the vaccine reaches all communities. There are approximately 500 agents answering calls with the ability to expand during peak periods. The call center has English and Spanish speaking call agents with the availability for translation into other languages. Call agents will help individuals with access to online services navigate the various registration sites. However, if the individual does not have access to online services or is unable to navigate the site, the agent will make an appointment on their behalf. Individuals will need to provide the agent with their name, address, email (if available), mobile phone number, date of birth, and eligibility. The agent WILL NOT ask for any financial information and the call center WILL NOT share information with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. During heavy calling periods, callers could experience extended wait times before speaking with an agent. Eventually, the call center will offer the option for callers to leave a message and receive a call back when an agent is available. The toll-free number can take TTY calls. For general questions about COVID-19 and Illinois' guidance, call 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov.

Sign Up for Email Notifications Today!

Please visit the new 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.

Composting Update

Residents in single family homes may now combine organic food scrap waste with landscape waste in approved 65 or 95 gallon landscape waste containers. Residents who use their own containers can compost for free, but the container must not exceed 33 gallons or 50 pounds when full. Wheeled carts for co-mingled food scraps and yard waste can be rented from Flood Brothers for a minimal charge of \$1.50 per month. Composting in paper or plastic bags is not permitted. Nearly 40 percent of residential garbage produced is organic material that can be composted. Composting food scraps creates a nutrient-rich soil enhancement and prevents carbon emissions that occur when food breaks down in a landfill. Residents who choose to participate in the program will need to purchase a small kitchen pail for food scraps which they will empty into their larger container as needed.



What things are compostable?

Meat, poultry, fish and shellfish bones, eggs and eggshells, cheese and dairy products, bread and baked goods, pasta, rice and other grains, beans, nuts and seeds, vegetables, fruits, fruit peels and cores, table scraps, plate scrapings, spoiled food, coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags, food-soiled paper, grass clippings, leaves, plants, pruned branches and weeds.

What should be left out of the compost bin?

Cat litter, pet waste, coffee cups, “compostable” or “biodegradable” bags that are not BPI-certified, “compostable” or “biodegradable” takeout containers and utensils, corks, diapers, facial tissue, fast-food wrappers, glass, large amounts of grease or oil, liquids, metal, packaging, paper plates, cups and cartons, plastic bags, Styrofoam, other takeout containers, wax paper.

The Village and Flood Brothers are very excited to be offering this enhanced service to the community and hope that residents will take advantage of this opportunity to help the environment. Other important information from Flood Brothers:

- ◆ Winter is officially over! Yard waste/composting collection begins Thursday, April 1!
- ◆ Flood Brothers and the Village will be teaming up to host a household hazard, recycling and shredding event on a Saturday in May. Watch for details regarding what types of materials will be accepted for processing.

To request a wheeled cart for compost and yard waste, please call Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400. Thank you Flood Brothers for your support of the Village’s sustainability efforts!



Birding News



The 27th Annual observance of World Migratory Bird Day is May 8, 2021. The Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center established WMBD to call attention to bird migration world wide and the urgent need for migratory bird conservation. Riverside is located within a major migratory bird corridor, the Mississippi Flyway, and in January of 2020, the Swan Pond and Des Plaines River corridor in Riverside were designated Important Bird Areas by Audubon Great Lakes. This designation was the result of numerous hours spent observing birds in Riverside by dedicated community volunteers. Thank you volunteers!

Most residents already know that Riverside is home to rich and varied wildlife, including many wild birds, but thanks to its location in the Mississippi Flyway, the community welcomes dozens of migratory birds each Spring and Fall, in addition to the hundreds of local species that call the village home year round. April and May are the perfect time to learn more about birding in Riverside. Visit the Village website for links to birding resources for Riverside and stop by the Village office to pick up a birding checklist. Spring is for the birds! Get out there and enjoy all Riverside’s natural areas have to offer.



Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses

Vehicle sticker and pet license renewals will be mailed to residents in May and must be renewed by June 30 to avoid late fees. Residents are strongly encouraged to renew online, by phone or by mail rather than coming into the Village office to renew in person. 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. We will mail your stickers and tags to you, even if you come into the office to pay. This change in procedure is to prevent a situation where people are standing in line in close proximity to one another since there may be people who have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine.