



Riverside Township

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Township To Host Second "Shred-a-thon"

Riverside Township is pleased to offer another paper shredding event on **Saturday, September 21st, from 9:00 am - Noon**. The Shred-a-thon event will once again take place in the **Hauser Jr. High School parking lot** and the on site shredding services will be provided by American Shredding and Recycling.

This **free** service is **only for Riverside Township residents** and **only for personal documents**, so please, *no business shredding*. Each household will be restricted to **no more than 3 boxes** (no larger than a banker box) of paper.

Note: please remove all paper clips, binder clips, and spiral binders before bringing your items. Do not bring magazines, newspapers, junk mail, or other items that belong in recycling. This shredding event is only for confidential papers with personal information that you wish to have destroyed and disposed of securely.



Residents wait in line with boxes of paper documents to shred at June's Shred-a-thon.

At this event, there will also be an opportunity for residents to help a worthy cause. The Riverside Presbyterian Church was recently featured in the Landmark newspaper for their Little Food Pantry, a cabinet filled with donated food items that is available to anyone regardless of religion or residence. Feel free to come and drop off non-perishable food items for the Little Food Pantry during the hours of the shredding event.

Riverside Township would also like to thank all the residents who came out on a rainy Saturday in June to participate in "Township Day" and our first Shred-a-thon event and Bike Donation Drive. The response to that event was so overwhelming that not only did we collect over 80 donated bicycles for Working Bikes, a non-profit organization that refurbishes and redistributes used bikes to local and global communities, but we also had to stop accepting paper for shredding at roughly the halfway point of the event, due to the shredding truck already being at capacity! The Township is pleased to hold this second Shred-a-thon and hopes to get another great response from the community.



Over 80 donated bicycles were brought back to the Town Hall to later be picked up by Working Bikes.

Prepare For Reassessment

In Cook County, property is reassessed every three years and next year will be Riverside Township's time for reassessment. It is a bit too early now to provide taxpayers with greater details, so check on the Riverside Township website and watch for future emails, announcements, and articles from the Riverside Township Assessor's Office over the next few months. There is no need to panic about 2020's upcoming reassessment and now is a great time to become more knowledgeable about owning property in Cook County. All government offices involved in the property tax cycle maintain fantastic websites with loads of information.

The **Cook County Assessor's Office** determines assessed values, takes the first round of appeals, and administers Cook County Property Tax Exemptions. Have your PIN number handy to look for information about your property on their website at: www.cookcountyassessor.com. The **Cook County Board of Review** provides taxpayers with a second level of assessed valuation appeals on their website: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. The **Cook County Treasurer's Office** sends out property tax bills twice a year, collects and distributes property taxes: www.cookcountytreasurer.com. The **Cook County Clerk's Office** compiles the budgets from all taxing bodies to calculate local tax rates. Detailed reports on how tax dollars are collected and distributed, as well as info about redemption of delinquent property taxes and elections can be found at: www.cookcountyclerk.com. The **Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office** maintains files on real estate. Protect your home against property fraud by signing up for their free Property Fraud Alert at: www.cookrecorder.com.



Remember to stay in touch and sign up for the Township Assessor's email contact list by sending them a message to: assessor@riversidetownship.org. Check in regularly for info on the Township website or simply call the Township Assessor's Office at **(708) 447-7700**. Their office is located on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall and is open regularly **Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm**.

Free Weekly Movies

Every Thursday afternoon, Riverside Township hosts a **free** movie screening on the **first floor of the Town Hall, beginning at 12:30 pm**. The screenings are open



to all, and one can enjoy free popcorn and refreshments while viewing a film selected from any year, from the classics of the 1940's up to recent, present-day releases. Here are some of the upcoming films:

Sept. 26 - **"Guess Who's Coming To Dinner"** (1967)

October 3 - **"Brigadoon"** (1954)

October 10 - **"West Side Story"** (1961)

October 17 - **"The Odd Couple"** (1968)

October 24 - **"Yesterday"** (2019)

October 31 - **"The Canterville Ghost"** (1944)

Radio Players Return

The Riverside Township Radio Players return for their 21st season of old time radio programs, presented each month in the **2nd floor auditorium of the Town Hall**.

Performances are typically on the **4th Friday each month** (3rd Friday in December 2019 and May 2020) from September to May each year, and **begin at 7:30 pm**. Admission is **free** and all are welcome to attend these wonderful, live performances of shows from the Golden Age of Radio.



For more information about the group, visit their website at www.riversidetownshipradioplayers.com.

Upcoming performance dates for 2019 are: September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd, and December 20th.

Community Resource Center

Aging Care Connections, in collaboration with UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago and The Way Back Inn, was awarded a grant from the Riverside Township Mental Health Board to provide information and referral services to the residents of the Township through the newly created **Riverside Township Community Resource Center**.

In the fall of 2017, the Mental Health Board conducted a community needs assessment, asking for residents to provide their input. The referral program was created when the Riverside Township Mental Health Board saw that there was a need to address the lack of services in Riverside Township in three particular areas: people with addiction issues, people with disabilities, and older adults. The Board welcomed an application from three local non-profit organizations to fill this gap by working together to make professional staff from each non-profit available at the Riverside Township office. The staff has created a Community Care Coordinator position to provide guidance for Riverside Township residents and families to information and direct services that address the needs of the community, by offering referrals for aging, benefits counseling, developmental disabilities services, mental health, and substance abuse.



The Riverside Township Community Resource Center is located on the **first floor of the Town Hall at 27 Riverside Road in Riverside**. A Community Care Coordinator will be available on **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, as well as on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. The Community Resource Center can be reached directly by calling **(708) 853-9578**.

Township Board Awards Grants

The Riverside Township Board reviews requests for funding from non-profit community organizations, on a quarterly basis, that provide programs within the Township and that benefit local residents. Grants are considered at monthly board meetings each February, May, August, and November.

In May, the Township Board awarded a grant to the American Cancer Society to help locally sponsor their Relay For Life of West Cook event that was held on June 8th. Another grant was approved to support the Riverside Arts Center and their community exhibit & event space called FlexSpace; an area designed to be utilized for schools, Riverside-based artists, and artists-in-residence. Further grants approved were to the American Legion Post #0488, North Riverside Little League, and to North Riverside Parks and Recreation to support various children activities at their Autumn Fest event on September 27th.



The Riverside Community Garden flourishes next to the Ascension Lutheran Church.

In August, the Board conditionally approved a grant to the Riverside Community Garden to support their efforts to expand and sustain produce cultivation, while offering additional food-related educational programs. The Riverside Community Garden is funded exclusively by community donations and supported by local volunteers, and will form a non-profit to satisfy the Board's condition.

Another grant was approved to the LeaderShop, a non-profit organization that empowers youth to become community-minded individuals through diverse programs that foster confidence, knowledge, and leadership. The LeaderShop will use the grant to help expand its outreach efforts into the Township with the recruitment of interested students from Riverside Brookfield High School and from Hauser Jr. High School. Further grants approved in August were to support the Riverside Presbyterian Church's Little Food Pantry and to the North Riverside Public Library to purchase equipment for their Makerspace area.



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Save The Date

We are busy planning for a large community celebration of **Riverside Township's 150th Birthday** on

September 19, 2020.



Follow our website for developing plans.
We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with the entire community!

Connect with us online!

Website: www.riversidetownship.org

E-mail: supervisor@riversidetownship.org

Come Celebrate Town Hall Anniversary!

The Riverside Town Hall is celebrating its **125th anniversary** this year, so save the date of **Saturday, November 2, 2019**, when the Township will have a **rededication of the Town Hall** in the afternoon. Plans include honoring the original events, including a procession and a Masonic re-dedication ceremony at the building's cornerstone. A reception will follow in the Town Hall auditorium with music and complimentary refreshments.

Town Hall construction was authorized in September of 1894 and it was officially dedicated on November 4, 1894. A time capsule was placed and a new one will replace it as we celebrate our history with the help of the community.



The Riverside Town Hall, circa 1900.

Question: What would you guess the leaders of that time placed in the time capsule? What would you like to see placed in a new time capsule that would represent today's Riverside Township and/or its residents? Email your answers to supervisor@riversidetownship.org, or drop us a note in the Riverside Township office. Maybe your guess will become part of the celebration! More details forthcoming.

Attention area students, grades 4 through 8! See our website for information on a writing contest to give future Township residents a look at what life is like here today. Winning entries will be placed in the new time capsule and will receive gift card prizes.