



# Riverside Township

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## Township To Host "Shred-a-thon" & Bike Drive

Riverside Township will participate in Cook County Township Day on **Saturday, June 15th**. This is an opportunity for local Townships to promote their programs and services to the community. Riverside Township will host a "Shred-a-thon" community event from **1:00 pm until 4:00 pm** in the **Hauser Jr. High School parking lot**.



Midway Document Destruction will be on site with their shredding truck to assist residents in securely destroying and disposing of any old paper documents they bring. This **free** paper shredding event is open to all Riverside Township residents.

Working Bikes will also be present that day to collect donations of unneeded bicycles. All bikes in repairable condition are welcome to be redistributed as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. See [www.workingbikes.org](http://www.workingbikes.org) for more information.

## The Assessor Is Here To Help

The Riverside Township Assessor's Office is always here to act as an advocate for local property owners and to ensure taxpayers have their property fairly and accurately assessed. The Cook County property tax system is a complicated one and the Township Assessor can assist taxpayers in navigating their way through it.

The Township Assessor's Office provides a multitude of property tax services including, but not limited to: assistance with appeals, exemptions, certificates of error, and property tax estimates. The office can also help with finding the taxpayer the best comparable properties for appeals and with filing all the appropriate documentations with the county and state. Not having the right documentation can stall or void applications for appeals, exemptions, certificates of error, and any possible refunds of overpaid real estate taxes.



The Township Assessor and her staff are available to address any and all concerns Township residents may have regarding their property taxes. 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**. It is recommended that residents call ahead of time and make an appointment, as the office can become overwhelmingly busy at times. The Riverside Township

Assessor's office can be reached via email at [assessor@riversidetownship.org](mailto:assessor@riversidetownship.org) or by calling **(708) 447-7700** during regular office hours.

# 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 November of 2018, the Township Board awarded an honorable grant to the American Legion Post #0488 to further aid the group's efforts in the restoration of the Gold Star Memorial, located in Riverside's Guthrie Park. Various elements of the war memorial have long been neglected and the local American Legion post hopes to have the entire area restored and improved in time for this year's Memorial Day. In November, additional grants were also awarded to Riverside Brookfield High School, the Prairie Trail Federation, and the Riverside Public Library.



Part of the Gold Star Memorial in need of restoration - a stone marker and plaque dedicated to those who served in World War I and II.

This past February, the Riverside Township Board approved grants for the Riverside Fire



The Township Board presents a grant check to Linda Hussey of Aging Care Connections.

Department, Riverside Arts Weekend, Hauser Jr. High School's Cougar ADVANCE program, Best Buddies International, Access To Care, and Sokol Spirit. An additional grant was also awarded to Aging Care Connections to sponsor their Kick-off and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for Aging Well Month on May 1st. A month-long series of free programs, activities, and events in May, Aging Well Month focuses on empowering older adults and providing them access to the info and assistance they need so that they can live safe and independent lives. The Kick-off and Volunteer Luncheon honors individuals over 60 years old that are making a difference in their communities. Last year, over 90 senior adults were honored from Riverside, Lyons, and Proviso Townships.

## 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:

- March 28 - **"A Star Is Born"** (2018)
- April 4 - **"Pillow Talk"** (1959)
- April 11 - **"The Asphalt Jungle"** (1950)
- April 18 - **"Goodbye, Mr. Chips"** (1939)
- April 25 - **"Mary Poppins Returns"** (2018)



For a complete list of all upcoming films, one can visit the Township website, call the office, or pick up a list in person.

## Lions Chicken Dinner



The Riverside Township Lions Club will host their annual Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, April 28th, from 11:30 am until 5:30 pm**. This "all you can eat" event takes place in the **2nd floor**

**auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall** and features delicious fried chicken, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, and light refreshments. Cost is **\$13 for adults and \$6 for children** (3-9 years). Tickets are available from Lions Club members and at the door on the day of the event. Carry-outs are also offered.

On the **1st floor of the Town Hall** that day, Girl Scout Troop 51401 will host a book sale and the local chapter of the PEO women's organization will hold a bake sale.



## North Riverside Senior Fair

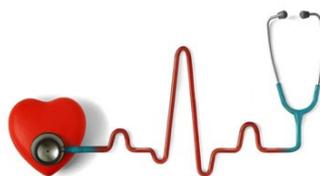
Organized in conjunction with surrounding towns, representatives from cooperating agencies, local nursing homes, senior organizations, assisted living communities, and government agencies, the North Riverside Recreation Department will be hosting their annual Senior Fair on **Thursday, May 16th**. The fair will run from **10:00 am - Noon at the North Riverside Village Commons** and is a **free** event for all seniors and caregivers. Over 50 organizations will have representatives on hand to provide seniors with valuable information and services, one of which will be the Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Services Unit to provide ID cards, vision screening, duplicate photo ID's, and driver's license renewals.



Elected representatives from Riverside Township will also be on site to promote the many senior services offered through the Township office to residents, and to answer any questions individuals may have about the Township. For more info about the Senior Fair in general, one can contact the North Riverside Recreation Department at **(708) 442-5515**.

## Health Screening In June

Riverside Township is pleased to once again host a preventative health screening event at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, June 18th, beginning at 9:00 am**. The event is hosted by and offered through Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventative health screenings, and they will be on site to conduct various tests for residents. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries in the legs, atrial fibrillation, and osteoporosis in both men and women. All screenings take around 60-90 minutes to



complete, are performed by highly trained healthcare professionals, and results are viewed by board-certified physicians to ensure the highest standards.

**Pre-registration is required** to partake in this event, so please contact Life Line by calling **1-888-653-6450** to schedule your appointment. One can also register online at: **[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle)**.

## Mental Health Board Approves Programs

The Riverside Township Mental Health Board is pleased to announce a handful of programs that have been approved by the board for our township partners. One such approved program is for individuals with developmental disabilities, where they can spend 3 days at an approved group home with UCP Seguin, to help with life skills and possibly place them in an independent group home in the future, if they so choose.



The Board also approved an Information & Referral Manager to be placed at the Riverside Town Hall by May 2019. The manager will be on site 3 days a week, including some evenings and Saturdays, to provide assistance and information to residents with a host of different issues, and be able to refer them to proper treatment programs. Mental health first aid training for first responders was approved as well. The training is fully funded by the Riverside Township Mental Health Board and will be conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, who will certify police officers in Riverside Township with the training needed to deal with situations in the mental health field.

The program to assist residents for special recreation is already in place and running for Riverside and North Riverside residents within the Township. If a resident with a developmental disability chooses a program for special recreation from the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA), the township will pay for half of the cost of the program and half of the transportation cost. The program has been in place since October and is the first of its kind in the area.



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### Check Out Our New Website!

Riverside Township has a brand new website! Designed to not only look better, but to function better so that the Township can more efficiently serve residents and engage with the community. It's still a work-in-progress, so be patient with us as we continue to iron out the kinks and add more useful content. Explore our new look and delve into all the services Riverside Township offers at:

[www.riversidetownship.org](http://www.riversidetownship.org)

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## Township Helps To “Feed Our Community”

Hauser Jr. High School held its 49th annual food drive throughout February and the month-long effort culminated with a “Feed Our Community Day” event on Saturday, March 2nd. Students, parents, faculty members, and individuals from the community all gathered to help pack tens of thousands of “meals of hope” for hungry children and families. Representatives from the Riverside Township Board were happy to volunteer and assist in the packing of meals at the all day community event held in the school’s cafeteria. Non-perishable items collected throughout the month-long food drive are donated to both the Salvation Army Red Shield Center Food Pantry in Englewood and locally to the Riverside Township Food Pantry.



*Township Clerk Liane Blauw, Supervisor Vera Wilt, and Trustee Tim Heilenbach (left to right) help pack meals at Hauser’s “Feed Our Community Day” event.*

Riverside Township would like to thank everyone at Hauser involved in the annual food drive, from the Hauser PTO, to staff, students, community volunteers, and residents that donated. The Township would also like to thank Lisa Gaynor and Hauser students from various clubs for regularly delivering donated food items to the Food Pantry every month throughout the school year. Consistent donations of non-perishable items to the Food Pantry greatly aid the Township in being able to continue to offer this valuable service to residents who are truly in need. The Riverside Township Food Pantry is open **Mon - Weds from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, Thursdays 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, and Fridays 9:00 am - 2:30 pm**. If you think you may need assistance and wish to partake in the Food Pantry, please call the office for qualifying information. Donated food items can be dropped off at the Town Hall during regular office hours. The Township will accept monetary donations as well.