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SUMMER 2019

Shred-a-thon & Bike Donation Drive

Come join Riverside Township, with the support of the Township Officials of Cook County, in celebrating Cook County Township Day on **Saturday, June 15th**. Township Day will be held from **1:00 pm until 4:00 pm** in the **Hauser Jr. High School parking lot** and include two community services.



The first service is a Shred-a-thon; 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 service is open to all Riverside Township residents.

The second service will be a bicycle donation drive organized together with Working Bikes, a non-profit organization that gives donated bikes new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment to local and global communities in developing countries. All unwanted bikes in repairable condition are welcome to be dropped off and donated. See www.workingbikes.org for more information.



Cook County Township Day highlights township government to make residents aware of the vital work townships do and the services they provide. Riverside Township officials will be present to answer any questions and share information.

Former Township Supervisor Passes

We are saddened to inform the residents of Riverside Township of the passing of our previous Supervisor, Richard P. Tuscher, on March 19, 2019. Mr. Tuscher was first elected as a Riverside Township Trustee in 1997 and held that position until 2006, when he was appointed mid-term to Township Supervisor. He then went on to serve as Riverside Township Supervisor for almost 11 years until the end of his second, full elected term in May of 2017.



We are grateful for his dedicated service to our community and to the residents of Riverside Township. His presence is greatly missed and we offer our deepest condolences to the Tuscher family. Richard P. Tuscher was 72 years old.

News From The Township Assessor

We are almost at the halfway point for the year, so now is a good time to check in with where we are in Cook County's often confusing property tax cycle. First installment 2018 Property Tax Bills were due by March 1, 2019 and all qualifying 2018 property tax exemptions should already have been applied for in order for them to appear on your second installment 2018 Property Tax bill. Anyone who may have missed filing for a qualified exemption can still file; however, it will be filed as a Certificate of Error.

The second installment of your 2018 Property Tax Bill will most likely be in mailboxes by the end of June and is due by August 1, 2019. Any changes in assessed values due to an Assessed Valuation Appeal made in 2018 will be reflected in the calculation of the second installment property taxes. The next opportunity Riverside Township property owners will have to file a 2019 Assessed Valuation Appeal will be with the Cook County Board of Review sometime in mid-August. Homeowners who feel their assessed values are still too high will have 30 days to file their appeals once the Board of Review notifies Riverside Township of a starting date.

Homeowners who purchased their homes after January 1, 2018 will want to apply for their Homeowner Exemptions next year. In most cases for the 2018 property tax year, the previous homeowner's exemption will carry forward for 2018 only. Next year's Homeowner Exemption application will require a copy of your driver's license issued with your new address. The application process will go a lot easier if your driver's license is updated and matches your current residence.



The Riverside Township Assessor and her staff are available to address any and all concerns residents may have regarding their property taxes. Their office is located on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall and is open regularly **Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. It is recommended that residents call ahead of time and make an appointment. The office maintains both a phone and email list to help them stay in touch with residents. If you would like to be added to their email list, send a message to their new address at assessor@riversidetownship.org. If you would prefer to be contacted by phone, first call the Township Assessor, Fran Sitkiewicz at **(708) 447-7700** and request to be added to the list.

Mental Health Board Launches New Service

The Riverside Township Mental Health Board is pleased to announce the addition of a new service beginning in June; the Riverside Township Community Resource Center. Located on the **1st floor of the Town Hall**, an Information and Referral Manager will be on hand to refer Riverside Township residents to services that may be required in order to provide the proper assistance to people with mental health related needs. As of right now, a representative from Aging Care Connections is available on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**, and a representative from UCP Seguin will be available on those same days from **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. A representative from The Way Back Inn will be present on **Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. The Community Resource Center and one of the referral managers can be reached directly at **(708) 853-9578**.



This new program was established because of the Riverside Township Mental Health Board's Community Needs Assessment, which indicated that this was a type of service the residents of the Township needed. For more information on this new service, one can call the Township office or call the number above to reach someone at the Community Resource Center directly.

Best Buddies Starts Chapter At Hauser

Hauser Jr. High School recently received the Best Buddies Illinois

Rookie Chapter of the Year award for the 2018-2019 school year. Hauser received this honorable recognition for their ability to bring the Best Buddies mission to life within the walls of their school and also outside in the surrounding community.

The school generated sincere student interest for their Best Buddies program this past year with 60 total members and 7 buddy pairs. They host fun social events for their members each month and the group's advisors also give out buddy pair tips that allow their students to make plans with their buddies outside of school hours, in order to continue to foster their friendship.

Riverside Township is pleased to have awarded grants to Best Buddies International over the past two years. Such funding has gone to support the current program at Riverside Brookfield High School, and was also instrumental in the founding last fall of the new, award winning chapter at Hauser Jr. High School. Further use of grant funds from the Township will be funneled into the development of new local chapters at Central, Ames, Hollywood, and Blythe Park elementary schools.



Members of Hauser's Best Buddies chapter gather in front of the Riverside Town Hall after dropping off donated food items.

On April 11th, the Hauser chapter of Best Buddies showcased their mission to the community by holding their own local Friendship Walk throughout downtown Riverside. At the end of their walk, they delivered donated food items to the Riverside Township Food Pantry. Hauser Jr. High School is a big supporter of the Food Pantry. Best Buddies, and other school organizations, deliver cases of canned food to the pantry monthly.

Gold Star Memorial Restored

The Gold Star Memorial, located in Riverside's Guthrie Park and dedicated to honoring the 54 Riverside residents who died in service of our country, from World War I through Vietnam, had long been neglected and forgotten. First dedicated in 1921, the memorial originally consisted of four boulders encircling a flag pole. A boulder was each dedicated to one of three Riverside residents killed while serving in World War I, and the fourth boulder was to commemorate all those killed during the Great War. The memorial was expanded in 1948 with the addition of a much larger boulder with a plaque honoring Riverside residents killed in action during World War II. After time, additional plaques were affixed to list those killed while serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars as well.

Now, thanks to a 12 year-long effort of advocate Thomas Sisulak, with the help of fundraising efforts by the American Legion Post #0488, the majority of the memorial was at last renovated just in time for this past Memorial Day's ceremonies. New concrete foundations have been poured to support the boulders, and the monuments have been reinstalled on top. Electrical work and floodlights for the refurbished flagpole have also been newly installed. Further work yet to still be completed is the restoration of the surrounding landscape.

Riverside Township is proud to have contributed two financial grants to the American Legion Post #0488 in order to help fund the Gold Star Memorial's restoration. The Township would like to thank the Legion's involvement and the advocacy of Thomas Sisulak in achieving the memorial's long overdue restoration. The American Legion plans to officially rededicate the memorial site in the fall of 2020.



The newly restored Gold Star Memorial in Riverside's Guthrie Park.



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Town Hall Has Free Wi-Fi

Riverside Township has just installed a new Wi-Fi network throughout the Town Hall. The **free** Wi-Fi is available to all residents, community groups, organizations, and private events that meet in the building.

No password is required; just search for the **"Township-Public"** Wi-Fi network anywhere in the Town Hall and connect!

Connect with us online!

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Township Plans Annual Trip To State Fair

Riverside Township will once again be sponsoring an all day trip for residents to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on **Saturday, August 10th**. The Township will provide a coach bus as transportation, set to **leave at 7:45 am from in front of the Town Hall**. Light refreshments will be served on the bus and the group will **depart from the fairgrounds at the end of the day by 6:30 pm, to return to the Town Hall around 10:00 pm**. The cost for the day trip will be **\$10 per adult or \$25 per family**, of up to 5 people; that includes admission to the fair and the coach bus transportation.

August 10th is "Kids Day" at the State Fair, a day dedicated to the youngest fairgoers and will feature special programming aimed at educating and entertaining children of all ages. Residents in attendance are free to spend the day exploring the many sights and sounds the fair has to offer, from various musical acts and entertainment, to special exhibits and attractions, carnival rides, public competitions, and unique foods. There's a little something for everyone, so come on out and join Riverside Township for an enjoyable day-long experience.



To reserve your spot on this year's trip to the Illinois State Fair, please call the Township office at **(708) 442-4400** or send an email to supervisor@riversidetownship.org. Priority will be given to Township residents and proof of residency will be required. No unaccompanied minors will be allowed. Hurry, as there are only 50 total spots available for this trip and it is first come, first served!