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Paper Shredding Event In June

It's never too late to do some spring cleaning by purging old documents that are cluttering up your home. So before the season ends, come on out and join the Township as we host another "Shred-A-Thon" event on **Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00 am - Noon**. The always popular paper shredding event will again be held in the parking lot of the **Riverside Masonic Lodge at 40 Forest Avenue in Riverside**.



This **FREE** event is only for Riverside Township residents and only for personal, confidential documents. No shredding of business documents will be allowed. Each household will be restricted to **no more than 3 boxes of paper**, and all documents will be securely destroyed and disposed of on site by American Mobile Shredding and Recycling.

Please note: be sure to remove all paper clips, binder clips, and spiral binders before you bring your items. Do not bring magazines, newspapers, junk mail, or other items that belong in traditional recycling. As always, this will be a drive-thru event; no need to get out of your car! Just place the documents in your trunk, follow the signs at the event and then pop the trunk. We will remove the documents and shred them for you.

We ask that you please **bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Township Food Pantry as well!** The Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non-perishable, non-expired items from generous residents in the community.

North Riverside Senior Fair

North Riverside Parks & Recreation will be hosting their annual Senior Fair on **Thursday, May 9th, from 10:00 am until Noon**. This **FREE** event is a great resource for all seniors and caregivers and will take place at the **North Riverside Village Commons at 2401 Des Plaines Avenue**.

Join Riverside Township, and over 50 other organizations, that will be on hand offering senior-related services including home health, medical representatives, retirement communities, legal & financial advisors, insurance companies, health specialists, community groups, senior clubs, and more!



The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit will also be on site to offer driver's license renewals, state ID cards, and the state's Unclaimed Cash and Property Program. For more info, call North Riverside at **(708) 442-5515** or visit: www.northriverside-il.org.

Updates From The Assessor

How will the 2023 reassessment affect property taxes paid in 2024? That is the million dollar question many homeowners are asking the Township Assessor these days. Unfortunately, it will be a few months before anyone will be able to answer that question with any degree of accuracy. While all Riverside Township taxpayers know the 2023 assessed values of their property, two other factors are yet to be determined.

A property's assessed value is only one factor which goes into determining property taxes in Cook County. The Cook County Equalization Factor, sometimes called the "Multiplier", will be determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue and then the Cook County Clerk will be able to calculate the local tax rates. The Cook County Clerk already has all the figures from the local taxing bodies. School districts, villages, libraries, and townships have already submitted the amount of money they need this year to provide their services. Assessed values simply determine what portion of the cost of those services each property owner will pay.

Cook County statute dictates that second installment property taxes are due by the first Tuesday in August. This has not been the case since 2020, but the Cook County Assessor, Board of Review, and Cook County Treasurer have been working hard to get 2023 second installment property tax bills out closer to when they actually should go out. Currently, taxpayers should anticipate an estimated due date sometime in September or October.



The Riverside Township Assessor's Office provides the service of assisting Township taxpayers with appeals, filing exemptions, and fielding property tax inquiries all for **FREE**. Taxpayers do not need to pay for these services provided by private firms for costly fees. Residents should make sure that they are added to the Assessor's email and call list for future updates; please call the Township Assessor at **(708) 447-7700** to be added to their contact list, or send an email to:

assessor@riversidetownship.org. The Township Assessor's Office is open **Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm**, and it is best to call ahead and make an appointment.



Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Riverside Township Community Resource Center will be holding its annual Health & Wellness Fair on **Saturday, June 8th, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**. This **FREE** event will again be held at the **North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 Des Plaines Ave.**, and all ages are welcome to attend. Engage with multiple community organizations and vendors to learn about health-related programs, resources, and providers that service the area. For more info, call the CRC at the number below.

The Resource Center can provide assistance with any number of concerns including: aging services, benefits counseling (by appointment), developmental and intellectual disability services, mental health services, substance abuse services, and more. Staff is available on **Mondays from 9am - Noon and from 4pm - 6pm, and on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9am - Noon and from 4pm - 8pm**. Reach out to the Resource Center by phone at **(708) 853-9578** to schedule an in-person appointment, or send an email to: crc@riversidetownship.org.

A Community Resource Guide is also available online as an information source for services and organizations throughout the community. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera in order to access the guide, or you can view and download the guide directly from the website here:

<https://riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center/>.



Scan the QR code with your phone to view and download the Community Resource Guide.

The Riverside Township Food Pantry would like to thank Riverside Foods, and all those in the community, that took part in their "Pack-The-Truck" Food Drive this past December. Over \$4,300 worth of groceries were collected and donated! This is the 2nd year that Riverside Foods has organized this food drive to benefit our Food Pantry and we are beyond grateful. Meanwhile, Hauser Jr. High School recently kicked off their Annual Food Drive this April and a portion of all items they collect will be donated to the Township Food Pantry as well. It is through efforts by generous organizations like these that the Township can continue offering this valuable service to the community.

Donate To The Township Food Pantry



The Township Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items. As more individuals and families have come to rely on the Food Pantry, the increase in demand has put a constant strain on the Pantry's ability to provide food items to those in need. Please help out by dropping off non-perishable items in one of the designated drop boxes in the Town Hall during regular business hours. The Township will accept monetary donations as well; please make checks payable to the "Riverside Township Food Pantry". Every little bit helps to support the continuation of this vital service.

Mental Health Board News

This past December, the Riverside Township Mental Health Board celebrated their **50th Anniversary** by hosting a free, public event at the Town Hall. The event showcased many of the agencies that the Mental Health Board supports in the community through local tax dollars. Guest lecturers were featured from various organizations, such as Helping Hand, Pillars, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Community Support Services, the Way Back Inn and the Grateful House. Discussions were held on the services these organizations provide and how they can further assist residents with mental health-related issues, housing assistance, medical needs, aging needs, substance abuse and addiction services, and special needs. With the assistance of Riverside TV, the event was recorded and can be viewed on the Township's website here: <https://riversidetownship.org/mental-health-presentations/>.

The teen text line, **Support4U**, that has been in place at Riverside Brookfield High School, is now available at Hauser Jr. High as well. The cell phone program, which teens can access by texting **"TALK" to (844) 670-5838**, allows students to communicate with a licensed clinician to help them navigate issues they may be experiencing and provide access to mental health resources. The program is run by the National Alliance on Mental Illness and fully funded by the Mental Health Board.

The Mental Health Board has also increased the amount that is paid toward special recreation. For Township residents in the Riverside and North Riverside area that participate in special recreation with the West Suburban Special Recreation Association, the Mental Health Board will cover 75% of the program cost and 75% of transportation costs (if needed). This is an increase of 25%.

Lastly, members of the Mental Health and Riverside Township Boards would like to extend a big **"Thank You!"** to recently retired Mental Health Board member Barbara Nepil. Barbara started with the Mental Health Board in 1986 and served for 38 years. In that time, she had terms serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer and was involved in various projects throughout her many years on the Board. We all wish Barbara a happy retirement and appreciate all her years of dedication and service to the community.



Members of the Mental Health Board met with staff and toured the Helping Hand facility in March.



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Lions Club Chicken Dinner

The Riverside Township Lions Club will host their Annual Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, April 21st, from Noon until 5:00 pm**. For the first time in five years, the event will return to the **2nd floor auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall** and will feature delicious fried chicken, plenty of sides, and light refreshments. Cost is **\$20 per person** and tickets are available to purchase from Lions Club members or at the door on the day of the event.



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Radio Players End Season

The Riverside Township Radio Players look to close out their season of old time radio programs with final shows in April and May. Presented in the **2nd floor auditorium of the**



Town Hall, performances take place once a month, from September to May each year, and **begin at 7:30 pm**. All ages are welcome to attend these **FREE**, live performances of shows from the Golden Age of Radio.

The Radio Players will return again after the summer, but for now, here are their last 2 performances of the season:

Friday, April 26 - Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar: *"The Doting Dowager Matter"* & Boston Blackie: *"Star of The Nile"*

Friday, May 17 - Lux Radio Theater:
"The Shop Around The Corner"

Free Weekly Movies

FREE weekly movie screenings continue **every Thursday at 12:30 pm, on the 1st floor of the Town Hall**, and all are welcome to attend. So come on out and enjoy some free popcorn and light refreshments while viewing a film selected from any year, from old classics up to recent, present day releases. Here are some of the upcoming films:



April 18 - **"Grease"** (1978)

April 25 - **"Hidden Figures"** (2016)

May 2 - **"Pillow Talk"** (1959)

May 9 - **"North By Northwest"** (1959)

May 16 - **"All About Eve"** (1950)

May 23 - **"Wonka"** (2023)